



**General Guidelines for the Kartik M.
Gada Interim Personal Manufacturing
Prize at Humanity+**

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Introduction Before Humanity+ accepts responsibility for the first segment of the Kartik M. Gada Humanitarian Innovation Prize in Personal Manufacturing (hereafter “the Prize”), it is in the organization's best interest to outline the general plan of action regarding its operation and maintenance. While these guidelines are subject to change, the idea is that, in drafting and ratifying this document, Humanity+ will maintain an official stance on the matter for current and future reference.

End Game Scenario In the event that no qualifying individual or team comes forward by December 31, 2012, Humanity+ will at that time assemble a group of at least three Members of the Board or stakeholders at Humanity+ to determine next steps. It is envisioned that this panel will decide whether to (1) dissolve the prize and return the funds to the original donors, (2) extend the deadline, (3) modify criteria of the prize, (4) roll the prize money into the second Kartik M. Gada Humanitarian Innovation Prize in Personal Manufacturing, or (5) transfer the prize in its entirety to some other 501c3 non-profit organization. Ideally, this decision should be announced to the community.

Prize Criteria Members of the RepRap community have brought forward various issues and concerns with the criteria for the Prize. It is not out of the question to edit the criteria. However, care must be taken to edit the criteria in an ethical manner. For instance, editing the criteria when someone makes a submission might change the outcome of whether or not the submitter receives the prize money. Changes to the prize criteria should be finalized and approved by Humanity+ leadership. Changes that might be appropriate include clarification of the printable PCBs, for instance.

Judging When an individual or team comes forward with a possible winning entry, Humanity+ will assemble no less than one individual to contact members of the judging panel pool and facilitate the judging process. Based on the feedback from the panelists, Humanity+ will make a decision as to the authenticity of the entry, whether it has been conducted in the spirit of the Prize, and whether or not criteria has been sufficiently met (based on the expert review). There should be a very public announcement of any winners.

The judging panel pool is a list of individuals who are qualified to do the judging and have offered their services. That pool presently consists of:

Adrian Bowyer <a.bowyer@bath.ac.uk>

Vik Oliver <vik@diamondage.co.nz>

Forrest Higgs <forrest.higgs@gmail.com>

Sebastien Bailard <penguin@supermeta.com> has offered services in identifying additional qualified judges

Public Interface The Prize currently has one official web page[1] and blog posts[2]. Humanity+ will set up at least a page or perhaps a site; inform the public of the transfer; and encourage two-way communication between stakeholders (contestants) and prize managers at Humanity+ for submissions, questions, clarifications, etc.

Maintenance of Funds Upon receiving \$17,500 from Foresight Institute, the total amount will be placed in an account at the discretion of the Treasurer. At this time, there are no plans to use this money to pay Humanity+ for operational overhead. This is for various reasons: (1) the amount of money is small enough that any change in the amount will significantly change the competitors and prize contestants; (2) various reasons relating to a positive public image of Humanity+ when it comes to prize money and prizes yet to come in the future; (3) various unlisted ethical issues.

In general, assignment of these tasks will be up to the chairs and directors of Humanity+. There is one particular person eager to carry this all out :-).

[1] <http://www.foresight.org/gadaprize.php>

[2] <http://blog.reprap.org/2010/01/build-better-reprap-80000-prize.html>