FAQ: DataTribe Challenge 2019

Q: What is the DataTribe Challenge?
A: The DataTribe Challenge is a challenge to identify high-technology startups with a vision to disrupt cybersecurity and data science.

Q: What do contest winners – i.e., finalists – receive from DataTribe?
A: The three finalists will split $20,000 in prize money, and one may receive up to $2 million in seed capital from DataTribe. This could be followed by up to $6.5 million in Series A venture funding from DataTribe and AllegisCyber, a Silicon Valley-based cybersecurity venture capital firm.

Q: What is required of contestants?
A: All contest requirements can be found on our Requirements Document.

Q: What dates do I need to know?
A: Contestants have until October 1st to apply at https://datatribe.com/challenge/. DataTribe will review submissions for technical merit, market potential, and readiness of the team. On November 1, DataTribe will announce up to three finalists. These teams will then have three weeks to refine their pitch and prepare for final judging, with assistance from the DataTribe’s team of startup veterans. The finalists will present a pitch and answer questions from judges on November 14 at City Garage in Baltimore, MD.

Q: Who are the contest judges?
A: The judging panel includes Mike Aiello, Product Manager Director for Cloud & Infrastructure, Google; Dmitri Alperovitch, Co-Founder & CTO, CrowdStrike Inc.; John N. Stewart, Chief Security and Trust Officer at CISCO; Daniel Weinand, Co-Founder, Shopify; Jon Callas, Senior Security Scientist Apple; CTO at the ACLU Co-Founder of Blackphone; and Bob Ackerman, founder and managing director of AllegisCyber.

Q: What is DataTribe?
A: DataTribe is a startup studio that invests in and co-builds next generational cybersecurity and data science companies. The firm draws upon experienced technology and entrepreneurial teams from the world's most prestigious, high-stakes environments, including the international intelligence community and National Labs from U.S, Canada, UK and Australia. DataTribe is headquartered in Fulton, MD with offices in San Francisco, CA. For more information, visit https://datatribe.com.

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