“Engineering Safety Champion”
Design Contest
Texas Tech University Whitacre College of Engineering

The Whitacre College of Engineering (WCOE) is initiating a new program to highlight research laboratories within the college that are leaders in practicing and promoting safe laboratory operations. This program will award laboratories that meet or exceed the college’s safety protocols with the designation, “Engineering Safety Champion.”

The goal is to reward labs with a tangible emblem or sticker that can be displayed at the laboratory entrance. Awards will be presented once each year, and will allow those laboratories that continually perform at a high level to display that history visually through the display of multiple recognitions. As an example, a lab that meets or exceeds expectations for four years in a row would be able to display four emblems or stickers on the outside of the lab, emphasizing their commitment to being a safety champion.

Rules:
1. This contest is open to all Texas Tech undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, and staff.
2. Entries can be submitted on the internet at [www.coe.ttu.edu/safety](http://www.coe.ttu.edu/safety) by March 27, 2015. Vector files (AI, EPS, SVG, PDF) are preferred.
3. By participating in the contest, contestants declare that the design is original and does not infringe any third party’s copyright.
4. The winning design will be visually pleasing and in a good taste, promote safety and safe laboratory practices, and will incorporate the ability to add stickers or emblems each year for multiple years in the future.
5. The winner will be announced by the WCOE Dean’s Office on May 1, 2015.
6. Contestants surrender the exclusive rights to the design and its components to the Texas Tech University Whitacre College of Engineering. The design and its components will be used at the discretion of the Dean’s Office for a wide variety of purposes.
7. The grand-prize winner will have the opportunity to collaborate with professional designers for the final design.

Winner selection process:
1. All of the entries will be posted at [www.coe.ttu.edu/safety](http://www.coe.ttu.edu/safety) for public voting. One vote per IP address during each voting period will be allowed.
2. The first voting period will be from April 1 to April 10, 2015. The top three designs will be chosen based on the votes.
3. The final winners will be determined from among the top three designs based on the WCOE Dean’s Office judging and votes from the second round of voting between April 15 and April 24, 2015.
4. Criteria for the WCOE Dean’s Office’s judging will include the artistic and creative merit of the design, the accuracy of portraying the importance of safety involved in research, teaching, and daily work, and the overall aesthetic.

Prizes:

**Grand-prize winner:**
$400 cash award

**Second-prize winner:**
$200 cash award

**Third-prize winner:**
$100 cash award