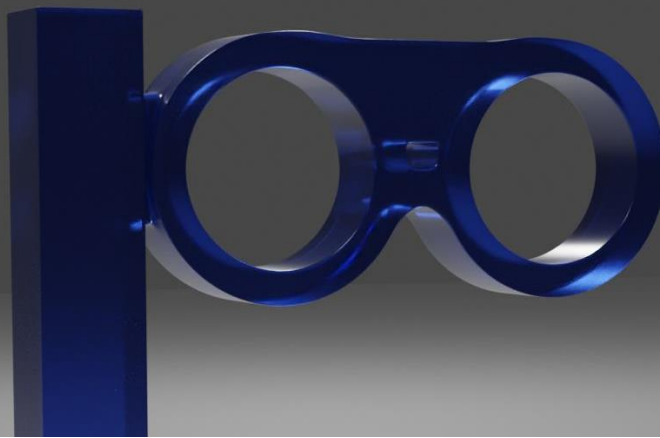




**RULES AND GUIDELINES**  
REGLAS DE PARTICIPACIÓN



## + General rules and guidelines

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### + Definitions.

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The VIT AWARDS includes products in development or released during the one-year cycle of Expovit. Products that stand out for their technical level, gameplay, art direction, and narrative, that are in late stages of development or recently released can apply to get recognition in any of the diverse categories described in this document.

Some important terms defined in this document are:

- *Applicant:* Company or individual that submits a product (videogame) to be evaluated in one or more categories of the Awards.
- *Organizing committee:* Members of the Costa Rican company Frame 3 Studio.
- *Jury:* Group of individuals that, according to defined criteria, will evaluate and grade the submissions.
- *Submission:* Videogame submitted using the official form published on the website for Expovit 2021.

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## + Objective of the awards

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To acknowledge and exalt the quality in design, art, development, and innovation of the products developed by the Costa Rican and international community.



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## + Methodology

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### A. About the jury

The jury designated by the Organizing Committee will review the assets provided by every applicant from which they will grant nine accolades, one for category of the awards.

The jury will be comprised by two Costa Rican and one international experts with experience and merits in one or more branches of game development according to the categories. The selection criteria for the jury are:

- At least 5 years of professional experience in game development.

- Having been part of a game development, publishing, or financing team, or having taken part of any professional game development related activity as an individual where the products involved were published in one or more distribution platforms.

The Organizing Committee will receive applications for jury from September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Those professionals who wish to become members of the jury should send their CVs to [info@expovit.co.cr](mailto:info@expovit.co.cr) before October 2<sup>nd</sup> to be considered.

The Organizing Committee will deliberate on the application from October 2<sup>nd</sup> to October 14<sup>th</sup> and will announce the members of the jury through Expovit’s social media during the week of the event.

No jury member or member of the Organizing Committee can be part (current or past) of the development process of any of the projects submitted for the awards.

#### B. About the selection criteria for the submissions

Submissions will be received through the online form published in Expovit’s website <https://www.expovit.co.cr/2021/vitawards>. The submission period goes from September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. From the submissions received the Jury will consider the following criteria:

1. Graphic quality of the product. Attention to detail, composition, and innovation.
2. Creativity in the narrative of the game. Quality of the composition of the script perceived through the product.
3. Technical execution of the product. Performance, optimization, creativity in the mechanics and gamefeel.
4. Quality in the audio composition. Musical progression, mix and mastering.
5. User experience and project scope.

Each project will be scored for the categories in which the applicant submitted, according to the listed criteria, using a scale from 1 (deficient) to 10 (excellent).

Project	Criteria 1	Criteria 2	Criteria 3	Criteria 4	Criteria 5
Name	1-10	1-10	1-10	1-10	1-10

Once the Jury submits their ruling, according to this scale, and delivered in written form to the Organizing Committee by email to [info@expovit.co.cr](mailto:info@expovit.co.cr), the Organizing Committee will tally the results for each category and select the best-scored projects for each category to receive the award during the closing ceremony of Expovit on November 18<sup>th</sup>.



C. Categories and criteria by category.

The nine (9) categories to be acknowledge during the Vit Awards and each criteria to be considered for each category are as follow:

CATEGORY	CRITERIA
Best Game from Costa Rica	1,2,3,4,5
Best Game from Overseas	1,2,3,4,5
Best Gameplay	3,5
Best Story and Narrative	2
Best Art Direction	1
Best Soundtrack	4
Best Thought-Provoking Game	1,2,5
Most Irreverent Game	1,3,4,5
Best Experimental Game	1,3,5

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## + Submission Requirements

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In order to be considered as applicant, the individual or company has to submit their game through the online form available in Expovit's website and has to comply with the following requirements (additional documentation might be required by the Organizing Committee):

1. Be the legal owner, or authorized by them, of the intellectual property to be submitted.
2. The game should be in the late stages of development (advanced prototype, feature complete, release candidate, final version). The following will not be accepted as submission: Early prototypes, Jam prototypes with no follow-up development, Proof of concept projects.
3. The submission must be an unpublished, or recently published game. The date of release should be less than 12 months before September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
4. All the required information from the submission form should be provided as requested.

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+ Submission form

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The link to the submission form is available on the website <https://www.expovit.co.cr/2021/vitawards>. The Applicant is required to submit the following information:

1. Name of the company, team, or individual directly behind the development of the project.
2. Logo for the company or team in PNG format for black and white backgrounds.
3. Country of origin of the company or team behind the development of the product.
4. Name of the videogame
5. Logo of the videogame in PNG format for black and white backgrounds.
6. Elevator pitch of the videogame (Highlight core mechanics, genre, and story).
7. Distribution platforms for which the game is developed.
8. Three screenshots of the videogame.
9. One or more of the available categories to apply.
10. Link to a trailer or gameplay video about the game.
11. Download link or store page link to the game. If the game is already in a store, download codes will be required.
12. Email and additional information of the contact in charge of the submission.

By submitting a game, the Applicant understands and accepts that all the material shared, name and credits for the game, might be used for communication and promotional material of Expovit and Vit Awards.

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## + Description of the award

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The projects that qualify as winners for each category will receive the following:

- Public acknowledgement in the social networks of Expovit and ASODEV as winner of the corresponding category.
- Authorization to use the Award icon provided by the Organizing Committee with the legend "Winner: CATEGORY. Expovit 2021" in any form of communication printed, or digital.
- Digital Certificate of the Award issued and signed by the Organizing Committee.
- NFT Trophy with an exclusive render and the legend "Winner: (CATEGORY). Expovit 2021" to be transferred to the Applicant or any authorized representative of the company or product.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to add, remove, or modify in any way these rules and guidelines and by extend the mechanics of the awards subject to a communication in the social networks of Expovit.

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## + Contact and Communication

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For more information or official contact with the Organizing Committee or the Vit Awards, please visit <https://www.expovit.co.cr>.

