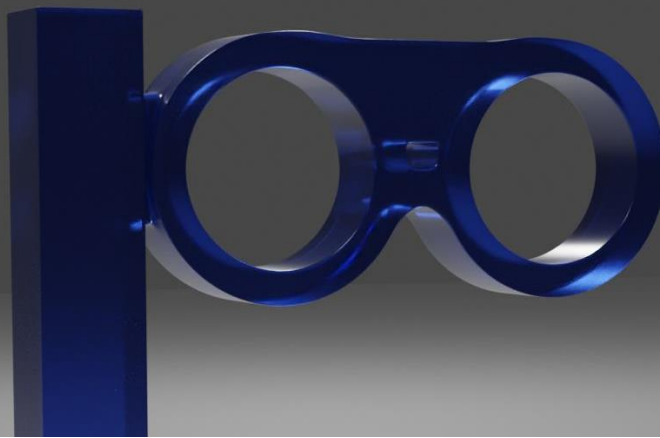




RULES AND GUIDELINES
REGLAS DE PARTICIPACIÓN



+ General rules and guidelines

+ Definitions.

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 2022.

+ Objective of the awards

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



+ Methodology

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 of at least 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 game development, publishing, or financing team, or having taken part in any professional game development-related activity as

an individual where the products involved were published on one or more distribution platforms.

The Organizing Committee will receive applications for the jury from September 15th to October 2nd. Those professionals who wish to become members of the jury should send their CVs to info@expovit.co.cr before October 2nd to be considered. The Organizing Committee will deliberate on the application from October 2nd to October 14th 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 on Expovit's website <https://www.expovit.co.cr/2022/vitawards>. The submission period goes from September 15th to October 20th, 2021. Each submission must select in which categories they want to participate, it's possible to participate in more than one. The categories are:

CATEGORY	CRITERIA
Best Game from Costa Rica ¹	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overall quality, ambition, and scope of the game. 2. Creativity, originality, and execution. 3. Commercial promise of the game.
Best Game from Overseas ²	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overall quality, ambition, and scope of the game. 2. Creativity, originality, and execution. 3. Commercial promise of the game.
Best Gameplay	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Technical execution of the product. 2. Performance, optimization, implementation of the controller scheme. 3. Game feel 4. Scope and sustainability from a gameplay perspective³.

¹ Every game from Costa Rica is automatically participating in this category.

² Every game from outside Costa Rica is automatically participating in this category.

³ Is the gameplay fun for the whole game?

Best Story and Narrative	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quality of the script. 2. Quality of the delivery. 3. Themes, characters, and worldbuilding.
Best Art Direction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Graphic quality of the product. 2. Attention to detail, composition, and innovation.
Best Soundtrack	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quality in the audio composition. 2. Originality. 3. Musical progression, mix and mastering.
Best Thought-Provoking Game	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presence of themes centered around a social, philosophical, or introspective subject. 2. Depth and delivery of the theme and its implications.
Most Irreverent Game	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presence of humor, satirical content, irony, or self-deprecation either in the text or the visual representation of the game. 2. Quality of the delivery and universality.
Best Experimental Game	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presence of experimental mechanics or control schemes. 2. Quality in the dynamics, synergies, or gameplay combination in unusual or unexpected ways. 3. Scope and sustainability from a gameplay perspective⁴.

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). 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, 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 18th.

⁴ Is the gameplay fun for the whole game?



+ Submission Requirements

To be considered as an applicant, the individual or company has to submit their game through the online form available on 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 submissions: 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 15th, 2022.
4. All the required information from the submission form should be provided as requested.

+ Submission form

The link to the submission form is available on the website <https://www.expovit.co.cr/2022/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. Short description of the game. Include both theme and mechanics, no more than 1000 characters.
6. Distribution platforms for which the game is developed.
7. Three screenshots of the game.
8. One or more of the available categories to apply.
9. Link to a trailer or gameplay video about the game.
10. Download link or store page link to the game. If the game is already in a store, download codes will be required.
11. 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 for Expovit and Vit Awards.

+ Description of the award

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

- Public acknowledgment 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 2022" in any form of communication printed, or digital.
- Digital Certificate of the Award issued and signed by the President of the Organizing Committee of Vit Awards 2022.

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

+ Contact and Communication

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

