

# Eight New Audacious Projects Revealed Live from the TED Conference

In Audacious' Second Year, Trailblazing Ideas Span Criminal Justice, Data Technology, Climate and Ocean Protection, Education, Global Health and Scientific Discovery

2019 Projects Include: Center for Policing Equity, Educate Girls, Institute for Protein Design, Salk Institute for Biological Studies, the END Fund, The Nature Conservancy, Thorn and Waterford UPSTART

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia, April 17, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- The TED Conference -- [The Audacious Project](#) has broken last year's record and raised more than \$280 million to help fund eight thrilling projects aimed at tackling some of the world's toughest challenges. Launched in April 2018 with a mission to foster "collaborative philanthropy for bold ideas," The Audacious Project is a coalition of leading organizations and individuals. It is housed at [TED](#), the nonprofit devoted to ideas worth spreading, and operated with support from [The Bridgespan Group](#)—a leading social impact advisor to nonprofits and NGOs, philanthropists and investors. This year's eight successfully funded projects were distilled from more than 1,500 applications.



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"I'm thrilled to introduce another class of social entrepreneurs with jaw-dropping visions of a better future and vetted blueprints for the successful execution of their ideas," said **Chris Anderson, Head of TED**. "At a time when many people are fearful about humanity's prospects, these projects offer a beautiful counter-narrative of ingenuity, determination and hope."

According to **Bridgespan's Chairman and Co-founder Tom Tierney**: "It is incredibly exciting to see The Audacious Project turbocharging such outstanding leaders and bold aspirations; these collaborations are unleashing philanthropic capital, at scale, against some of the world's most pressing issues."

Today, The Audacious Project class of 2019 took to the TED stage to reveal their world-changing projects—all of them with a convincing path to execution, scale and impact.

## **THE 2019 PROJECTS**

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Learn more about the 2019 projects via [The Audacious Project press kit](#).

Visit [AudaciousProject.org](https://AudaciousProject.org) to watch the reveal of the 2019 Audacious projects. Available for one week only.

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## **ABOUT THE AUDACIOUS PROJECT**

[The Audacious Project](#) was launched in April 2018, with a mission to foster "collaborative philanthropy for bold ideas." Housed at TED (the nonprofit devoted to ideas worth spreading) and operated with support from The Bridgespan Group (a leading social impact advisor to nonprofits and NGOs, philanthropists and investors), The Audacious Project brings together some of the most respected organizations and individuals in philanthropy—the Skoll Foundation, Virgin Unite, Dalio Foundation and more. The Audacious Project surfaces and funds critical projects with the potential to create global change. By removing barriers associated with funding, The Audacious Project empowers social entrepreneurs to dream boldly and take on the world's biggest and most urgent challenges. The 2019 projects include: Center for Policing Equity, Educate Girls, Institute for Protein Design at the UW School of Medicine, Salk Institute for Biological Studies, the END Fund, The Nature Conservancy, Thorn and Waterford UPSTART.

Learn more or support an existing project at [AudaciousProject.org](http://AudaciousProject.org).

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