

I-ACE Hackathon FAQ

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These FAQ will be updated as questions are submitted.

Teams formation and eligibility

1. What is the closing date for application?

The closing date for application is 9pm EDST Friday 8 January 2021.

2. How does my team submit an application?

Each team needs to nominate a Team Leader who will be responsible for answering the selection questions on behalf of the team. The questions are:

- 1) 'What motivates your team to apply to participate in the Hackathon?'
- 2) 'How does your team embrace diversity of thought?' and
- 3) 'What experience will your team bring to the Hackathon?'

Each team member also needs to complete an individual application (noting the name of their Team and Team Leader so we can link up the team's applications).

University students must use email addresses issued by the university for the application. We will use this email address for all the I-ACE Hackathon correspondence.

3. What is the eligibility of a student team?

All members of a university student team must be enrolled in an Australian University course (Bachelor, Masters or PhD) on 8 February 2021. Each member of the team must be 18 years or older.

4. What is the eligibility of a SME or start-up team?

Officers and employees of Australian-domiciled SMEs with an Australian Business Number (ABN) are eligible to participate in I-ACE. All team members must be employed by the same SME and be Australian residents. If you enter as a part of an SME team, or on behalf of your employer, these rules apply to you as an individual and also to your employer organisation. Your employer (or the entity which has contracted you) must have full knowledge of your participation and these Rules and given their consent to your participation, including the potential for winning a prize. For the purpose of the I-ACE event an SME is defined as having less than 50 employees.

5. Can we have mixed University teams?

Yes, you are welcome to form a team with students from other Australian universities. Both domestic and international students enrolled in an Australian University are encouraged to apply.

6. Can multiple companies compete together on the one team?

No, SMEs and start-up companies must enter the competition individually.

7. Can I compete by myself?

No, teams will need to be formed with 2 to 5 people.

8. Can you help me find a team?

No, unfortunately we cannot provide this type of support.

9. Is it possible to have an ABN and be located offshore?

Officers and employees of Australian-domiciled SMEs (being a business with less than 50 employees) with an Australian Business Number (ABN) are eligible to participate in I-ACE. SME and start-up team members need to be resident in Australia.

10. How many teams will be selected for the Hackathon?

A total of 80 teams will be selected to participate in the Hackathon. The 80 teams will be made up of 20 Australian university student teams, 20 Indian university student teams, 20 Australian SME/start-up teams and 20 Indian SME/start-up teams.

11. How are the teams selected?

A panel of Australian evaluators will select 20 Australian university student teams and 20 Australian SME/start-up teams from all the eligible applications. Please use the application form as a guide to selection criteria.

12. Will you accept late applications?

No, we will not accept applications submitted after the closing date on Friday 8 January 2021.

13. Is there a waiting list available if one of the 40 selected teams withdraw from the competition?

Teams who are not selected to participate in the event will be placed on a waiting list, which will be considered in the event that selected participants decide to no longer participate in the I-ACE Hackathon.

14. Who will see my personal information?

If you participate in the I-ACE hackathon, you have given permission for the collection, use and disclosure of your personal information. Further information about what personal information may be collected as part of your application and participation in the I-ACE Hackathon is contained in the privacy notice and consent all participants are required to sign. For more information please refer to <https://events.csiro.au/IACEH>.

15. What documents do I need to read and agree to before I apply?

You will need to read and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the Privacy and Consent statement, Rules of Play document and the Release form. These documents are available on the event website and in the first section of the [application form](#). You will be asked to confirm acknowledgment of these terms in the application form.

About the Hackathon

16. What do I need to bring to the hackathon?

This event will be entirely virtual. Make sure you have your laptops, mobile phones and whatever devices you need to collaborate!

17. What are the specific benefits for participating in this event?

There will be mentoring sessions provided by global experts during the Hackathon, an exciting forum in which to share your ideas and prizes will be awarded to the winning teams.

18. Is there any pre-work teams need to complete?

The challenge statements will be announced at the opening ceremony on Monday 8 Feb 2021. Teams simply need to decide which theme they wish to apply to participate in and work on their answers to the application questions.

19. What about IP?

The Hackathon provides an open forum to share ideas, spark off each other's thinking and inspire each other to solve big challenges.

Your submission (including video or format) or parts of it will be shared with everyone involved in the Hackathon and may be published more broadly. You might share further details with mentors and judges.

You are responsible for ensuring that you don't disclose confidential information or include other people's intellectual property or personal information in your submissions or contributions. And you might not want to share certain details if you plan to develop your idea after the Hackathon. Anyone can freely build on the ideas you share as part of the Hackathon.

20. Can I select more than one theme and associated challenge statement?

Each team can only select one theme when they apply. When participating in the Hackathon they will only be assessed on one challenge statement.

21. Will there be prizes?

Yes. There will be eight Australian winners made up of four student teams and four SME/start-up teams. There will be one student team winner and one SME/start-up team winner per theme. The prize for student teams (per theme) is AUD\$3,500 and the prize for SME/start-up teams (per theme) is AUD\$9,500.

22. Is there a Hackathon code of conduct?

You must ensure that you comply with all lawful and reasonable directions given by the Organiser (or its subcontractors or affiliates associated with I-ACE) including in relation to use of any computer, electronic or telecommunications device, software, databases or on-line services and any user policies which apply. The organisers reserve the right to disqualify a team or individual if they reasonably consider that the team or individual has failed to comply with these conditions or provided false or misleading information during the application process.

Individuals or teams may also be disqualified by the organisers for displaying inappropriate behaviour during the course of the event. If disqualified during the competition, the team will be removed from the event and will not be eligible for any Prizes.

CSIRO reserves the right to withdraw any Prize awarded to the team in question. The judges may, at their sole discretion, decide to award the Prize to another team in the event of a disqualifying incident.

For more information please refer to the Rules of Play document.

23. Are all the activities mandatory to attend?

Teams are required to attend all the mentoring sessions assigned to them. Attendance at the masterclasses is optional. However, we highly recommend you attend as many as possible to make the most of the experience and learn from industry experts.

24. Will the event be recorded?

The organisers will be recording parts of the event, particularly the awards ceremony. Please ensure you are comfortable with the Release form which covers this recording.

25. I have other questions, who can I contact?

Please send an email to I-ACE@csiro.au. A member of our team will get back to you within 2 business days. We will also try to ensure the FAQs are updated so please check back.