

I-ACE Hackathon Rules of Play

Terms and Conditions

1. I-ACE Hackathon

Your entry into and participation in the India Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (**I-ACE**) is deemed acceptance of these terms and conditions (**Rules**) which includes any information on how to enter and prizes.

2. Organiser

The I-ACE event will be managed and hosted by CSIRO in Australia (**Organiser**). A separate organiser will host Indian participants to I-ACE.

3. When is it?

I-ACE is a virtual hackathon event which will take place from Monday 8 February 2021 to Wednesday 10 February 2021.

Applications will be open from 1 December 2020 to 9pm EDST on Friday 8 January 2021 (**Application Period**).

4. Who Can Apply?

Individuals who are over 18 years of age and residents of Australia are eligible to apply.

Participation in I-ACE will be in teams of between 2-5 people. You are not eligible to apply if you are an employee of the Organiser, or the Commonwealth of Australia, or a member of an employee's immediate family.

5. Team Categories

I-ACE involves two Hackathon Team Categories:

- a. **University Student Teams:** All team members must be enrolled as a student at an Australian University as at 8 February 2021. You are welcome to form a team with students from other Australian Universities – team members do not need to be enrolled at the same University. You must ensure you have all necessary permissions from your University and any employer to participate.
- b. **Australian SME Teams:** 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. All team members must be employed by the same SME and be residents of Australia. 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.

6. Themes

The I-ACE event will be structured around 4 themes:

- Innovation in packaging reducing packaging waste
- Innovation in food supply chains avoiding waste
- Creating opportunities for plastics waste reduction
- Recycling critical energy metals and e-waste

(Themes)

Teams will need to select a Theme during the Application process and there is a limited number of places available for each Theme.

7. How to Get involved?

To participate in the I-ACE and be eligible to win, you must:

i. **Form your team:**

As the I-ACE is a team-based event, please form a team of no more than 5 people, select a team name and a team leader. Your team leader will need to answer 3 questions on behalf of your team during the application process, so make sure you discuss your answers before step 2 below. The questions are:

1)'What motivates your team to apply to participate in the Hackathon?'

2)'How does your team embrace diversity of thought?'

3)'What experience will your team bring to the Hackathon?'

ii. **Submit an online Application:**

During the Application Period, follow the instructions set out at <https://events.csiro.au/IACEH> to apply to participate in the event and nominate your team with a selected Theme (**Application**). Numbers are limited and participants will be selected based on the quality and creativity of their responses. The Organiser's decision on selection is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Each team member needs to separately register their interest and nominate their team.

iii. **Keep an eye on your inbox:**

If your Application is selected, you must follow the instructions set out in the email notification from CSIRO to register your participation in the Hackathon. CSIRO will send email notifications from i-ace@csiro.au so keep an eye on your inbox. If a successful applicant does not register by 22 January 2021, they will forfeit their ability to participate and the Organiser will notify another applicant. In relation to Australian SME teams, the SME will need to enter into an agreement to participate as part of registration.

iv. **Participate in the Hackathon:**

Successful applicants who have registered to participate (**Participants**) will be provided with links to the virtual I-ACE event. There will be a series of activities that require Participants to submit responses and content in response to a theme or challenge statement (**Submission**). There will be a challenge statement announced for each Theme which teams will respond to during the event. Judging will be in accordance with these Rules and any published information regarding I-ACE.

8. Number of entries

One Application is permitted per person. Each person may only nominate one team to

participate with.

9. Application software

You are not permitted to use any automated entry software or any other mechanical or electronic means that allows you to automatically enter your Application or enter Applications repeatedly.

10. Costs

You are responsible for any associated costs with your Application and participation in I-ACE, such as internet access.

11. Employment or engagement obligations

You promise and warrant that your compliance with these Rules is not inconsistent with any employee obligations you have, nor any third-party contract you are bound by. You warrant that your actions do not violate your employer or University policies and procedures or the terms of any contractual engagement you have entered into.

12. Mentors

As part of I-ACE you will have an opportunity to link with one or more mentors who can provide coaching and general insights to you and your team to assist your thinking. Mentors are volunteers and are here to lend a helping hand, but they are not providing professional advice and are not part of the I-ACE teams. You and your team are fully responsible for the work you do and the outputs your team creates as part of I-ACE.

13. Your Application and Submission(s)

You promise and warrant that all the details submitted with your Application or any Submission are:

- true and correct;
- not libellous, false, defamatory, overtly political and do not bring I-ACE into disrepute;
- do not breach any obligation of confidence owed to any third party, including your employer;

If you post or upload a photo, video or written response during I-ACE, including as part of your Submission, you promise and warrant that:

- you have all of the necessary rights, consents and licences to grant the rights to the Organiser as set out in these Rules;
- your Application and/or Submission is original, solely your own and has not been communicated to the public before;
- your Application and/or Submission does not infringe the intellectual property rights of any third party; and
- the exercise of any rights granted by you to the Organiser is at the complete discretion of the Organiser, including any communication of your Application to the public.

CSIRO and the judges reserve the right to reject any Submissions that do not comply with these requirements, or in their reasonable opinion are not aligned with the spirit of these rules or the I-ACE event.

Do not include any confidential information in your submission, as the I-ACE is run to encourage sharing and building of ideas and the Organisers and participants are not required to keep your submission confidential.

14. Licence

By submitting your Application and any Submission, you grant the Organiser and its licensees and assignees a perpetual, world-wide, royalty free, licence to exercise all rights (including intellectual property and privacy rights) to your Application, Submission and any other material provided by you to the Organiser or its subcontractors or affiliates in relation to the I-ACE at any time. You consent to your entry being edited or adapted or modified at any time and in any manner by the Organiser or its agents, licensees and assignees.

15. Receipt of Applications

Neither the Organiser nor any other entity associated with the I-ACE will be responsible for any late, lost, misdirected, corrupted, incomplete or incorrectly submitted Applications. Applications are deemed to be submitted at the time of receipt by the Organiser or its agents.

16. Publicity

By entering I-ACE or accepting a Prize you consent to the use of your name, biographical information, likeness, image or voice in any recording, content or media for an unlimited period of time without remuneration for the purposes of I-ACE and promoting I-ACE, the Organiser or the activities of the Organiser. For more information please refer to the media release on [CSIRO's I-ACE Hackathon website](#) that all Participants are required to sign as part of the Application process.

17. Prizes

There will be 8 Australian prizes, one prize for each winning team of each of the 4 Themes across each Team Category (8 prizes total with a prize pool of AUD\$52,000) (**Prize**). Australian University Student Teams will be eligible to win AUD\$3,500 and the Prize will be equally divided between team members and provided as an electronic gift card to each student via their university student email address. Australian SME Teams will be eligible to win AUD\$9,500 and the Prize will be paid to the bank account number nominated by the SME via electronic bank transfer within 1 month of notification.

18. Judging

Prize-winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony and the judges will be announced to Participants on the first day of the I-ACE event. The judges' decision is final and no further communication or correspondence will be entered into. The Organiser and the judges reserve the right to reject any Submissions that do not comply with these requirements, or in their reasonable opinion are not aligned with the spirit of these rules or the I-ACE event.

19. Conduct and disqualification

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, may decide to award the Prize to another team in the event of a disqualifying incident.

20. Privacy

By submitting your Application and by participating in I-ACE, 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 event is contained in the privacy notice and consent all participants are required to sign. For more information please refer to the [Privacy Statement](#).

21. Use of CSIRO name

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, you must not use CSIRO's logo or trade marks in a way which suggests CSIRO endorses or is otherwise associated with your Application, Submission, ideas, business, organisation, products or services. In no case may you use CSIRO's logos without CSIRO's prior written consent.

22. Organiser's Rights

The Organiser reserves the right to:

- i. provide an alternative Prize of equal monetary value in the event that a Prize or any part of a Prize becomes unavailable for any reason beyond the Organiser's control;
- ii. disallow Applications or Submission in its absolute discretion;
- iii. verify the validity of Applications and determine the eligibility of applicants (including an applicant's identity) and to disqualify any Application or refuse to award a Prize where dishonest or misleading details have been given by an applicant, or where an applicant has behaved in a fraudulent or dishonest manner, or otherwise than in accordance with these Terms and Conditions or the spirit of the I-ACE;
- iv. to terminate I-ACE or amend any aspect of I-ACE (including the Prize) without notice at any time in its sole discretion in the event that I-ACE or any aspect of I-ACE cannot be reasonably conducted as planned; and
- v. enforce any of its rights at any stage and failure to do so does not constitute a waiver of those rights.

23. Exclusion:

CSIRO, its subcontractors and affiliates involved with I-ACE exclude all terms, conditions, guarantees and warranties that otherwise apply by custom, general law or statute in connection with I-ACE, except to the extent the exclusion would contravene any statute or cause this provision to be void or unenforceable.

24. Liability

To the full extent permitted by law, CSIRO, its subcontractors and affiliates exclude all liability including direct, indirect, special or consequential (including negligence, personal injury or any loss or damage), arising in any way in connection with or related to I-ACE and the performance of these Rules. This exclusion includes, but is not limited to, loss of profit,

business or commercialisation opportunity as well as losses or damages arising from: breach of confidence or third party rights; IP infringement arising from your participation in I-ACE; acceptance of any Prize; or technical difficulties, equipment malfunction or third party interference.

25. Inconsistencies

In the event of other terms and conditions being provided in relation to I-ACE or published in relation to the event, any inconsistency between such terms and these Rules, these Rules will prevail.

26. Organiser

The Organiser is the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (**CSIRO**) ABN 41 687 119 230 having its principal office at Building 101, Clunies Ross Street, Acton, ACT, 2601.