



The Disaster Challenge Terms and Conditions

1. Terms

The following terms apply to participation in this challenge (“the Disaster Challenge”). Entrants may create original solutions, prototypes, visual content, data sets, scripts, or other content, materials, solutions, or discoveries (a “Submission”). All submissions will abide by the Natural Hazards Research Australia (“the Centre”) Code of Conduct statement below.

2. Code of Conduct

Unethical behaviour, including but not limited to plagiarism or academic dishonesty, will automatically lead to the disqualification of the team, as well as banning from future competitions for a period of time to be determined by the Centre, and notification of the academic representatives of the school.

3. Intellectual Property rights

Entrants may be individuals or teams that are enrolled or associated with Australian academic institution such as a university or TAFE. If an entrant is an early career researcher they do not have to be currently employed by an Australian organisation but they must have completed their postgraduate qualification at an Australian academic institution within the previous five years (excluding periods of parental leave) and be based in Australia. Entrants are responsible for compliance with Australian legal requirements. Intellectual Property rights of Submissions will be owned by the Entrants but must be made available to the Centre on a Creative Commons CC BY-NC licence¹ that allows re-use with attribution to the creators, but does not allow commercial use. After the final, all finalist entries and recordings of their presentations will be made publicly available on the Disaster Challenge website and attributed to the individual or team as its creator and Intellectual Property right owner. Once submitted, teams cannot make any changes or alterations to their submission.

4. Submission terms

The Centre and the Disaster Challenge supporting partners are not responsible for: (1) any false, incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by entrants or the Centre; (2) unauthorised human intervention in any part of the submission process or the Challenge; (3) technical or human error which may occur in the administration of the Challenge or the processing of entries; or (5) any injury or damage to persons or property which may be caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from Entrants’ participation in the Challenge or receipt or use or misuse of any prize. All decisions relating to the running of the Challenge, judging and awarding of prizes will be made by the Centre in its absolute discretion.

Submissions must a) be original; b) be solely owned by the Entrant, who represents that to the best of their knowledge:

1. no other party has any rights or interest in the information included in the Entrant’s submission; and
2. the Entrant represents that it has obtained a license or permission to use materials owned by third parties, granting the Entrant the right to use such third party or proprietary materials for the Submission; and
3. they have complied with relevant privacy legislation, and the Centre’s Privacy Policy (<https://www.naturalhazards.com.au/privacy-policy-statement>) and

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4. The Entrant has undertaken the research in compliance with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007) - Updated 2018² and The Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research³.
5. **Prize money**
Winners are responsible for all applicable taxes and fees associated with prize receipt. No transfer or substitution of a prize is permitted except by The Centre. If a team of individuals from different universities is selected as a prize winner, the prize will be awarded to the group and it will be split equally. Individuals, or individuals within a team, receive the prize money solely for their use and not the use of their organisation or institution.
6. **Media**
Photos, videos, and/or other media may be taken by the Centre at the Disaster Challenge Final. By entering, you acknowledge and agree that your likeness may be included in photos and videos of the event and used by the Centre in connection with communications about the Disaster Challenge or in other communications.

² <https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/national-statement-ethical-conduct-human-research-2007-updated-2018>

³ <https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research-policy/research-integrity>