

To Year 9 and Year 10 iSTEM Teachers

We are pleased to bring you The University of Wollongong's Faculty of Engineering and Information Sciences' and RDA Hunter ME Program's 2017 NSW and ACT Year 9 and Year 10 iSTEM Competitions

The Competitions aim to acknowledge students' efforts and encourage them to consider pursuing a career in STEM related fields.

We look forward to you and your school and students becoming involved this year.

In summary, the key steps are -

Step 1 Inform your students and fellow teachers about the Competitions, and direct them to the Competitions' website: <http://eis.uow.edu.au/high-school-competitions/index.html>

Step 2 Select entries for submitting (see note below regarding the number of entries).

Step 3 Register entries online via Competitions' website <https://hsreg.adeis.uow.edu.au/&JS=1> and click on the button 'Register Entry' and complete details for each entry you are submitting.

Step 4 Send in assessable projects (original or double-sided copy) via:

Post - Dr. Bob Wheway, C/ - EIS Central, Faculty of Engineering and Information Sciences, University of Wollongong, 2522 or

Hand deliver - Dr. Bob Wheway, EIS Central, Building 4 Room G12A, University of Wollongong

Please ensure all items are labelled with student name, competition details and registration number

E.g. Jenny Jones, Yr9 iSTEM, 17412

There is also the option to submit a video file or DVD on disc or thumb drive featuring the student's project, and where the student has built or made a physical item, please do not send or deliver the item itself.

Examples of assessable projects include:

- Individual and/ or group assignments
- Reports
- Open-ended investigation and/ or design tasks

NOTE With regard to the number of entries that each school can submit:

- Each school is to select the 'best two' entries from its students for each subject in each Competition (e.g. if your school offers iSTEM in both Year 9 and Year 10, please select best 2 from Year 9 and best 2 from Year 10). And if one of these entries in any subject has not been prepared by a female, a third entry may be submitted.
- If 1 of these 2/ 3 entries referred to above in any subject has not been prepared by an Indigenous student, a 3rd/ 4th entry may be submitted from an Indigenous student for consideration for the Indigenous Students' Awards.
- For single sex schools, a maximum of 3 entries in each subject in each Competition can be submitted. A third entry will be accepted from a single sex school where the selected best two entries have not been prepared by an Indigenous student and where the 3rd entry is work prepared by an Indigenous Student.

Presentation of 2017 Competitions Awards and Prizes

The Presentation Evening for the 2017 Competitions' Awards and Prizes will be held on Friday 16th February 2018 at the University of Wollongong, where the focus will be on the presentation of the Major Prizes and Awards. The Finalist certificates will be sent to the schools for presentation. We would like to emphasise that every student whose work is selected and submitted to any one of the Competitions in 2017 is a Finalist, and will receive a certificate.

We look forward to receiving entries from your school. The **closing date for registering entries is 8th December, 2017.**

If you have any questions please contact Dr. Bob Wheway or Lyndal Worsfold (see contact details below).

Yours sincerely

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