Computer Science Impact Prize
Terms and Conditions

1. Background

a. The Computer Science Impact Prize is awarded to the individual/team showcasing software they have worked on in the past year that helps people in some way and subsequently has major impact to the economy, society, environment and/or culture.

b. This Prize is funded by a donation by Dr Michael Cahill, an alumnus and Honorary Associate of the School of Computer Science.

2. Eligibility Criteria

a. To be considered eligible for this Prize, students must have been enrolled in 2020 in the final year of their undergraduate or honours degree in the School of Computer Science (i.e. Bachelor of Advanced Computing, Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology, Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology (Advanced)) within the Faculty of Engineering, University of Sydney.

3. Selection Criteria

a. The Prize will be awarded on the basis of:

   I. A personal statement demonstrating how their software is innovative. The statement should address the following key points: technological impact, advancement of knowledge, demonstration of creative thought, and ability to convert theory into practice, and

   II. A personal statement demonstrating how the software contributes to the economy, society, environment and culture. The statement should address the following key points: Government/Business/community savings, significant improvement in a person’s life and/or direct health benefits which result in savings at a personal and/or national level.

b. Shortlisted finalists will be invited to give a 15-minute presentation to the selection committee.

c. The prize will be awarded by the Deputy Head of School (Education) of the Faculty of Engineering, or their nominated delegates.

4. Value

a. This Prize has a value of $5,000 and will be paid as a one-off payment.

b. If the prize is awarded to a team the value will be shared equally amongst recipients.

c. No other amount is payable.
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d. The Prize will be awarded subject to the availability of funds.

5. Ongoing Eligibility

a. None apply.

6. Termination

a. The University reserves the right to withdraw the Prize, if the University determines that the student is guilty of serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information that has a relationship to the awarding of this Prize.

b. Once withdrawn the Prize will not be reinstated.