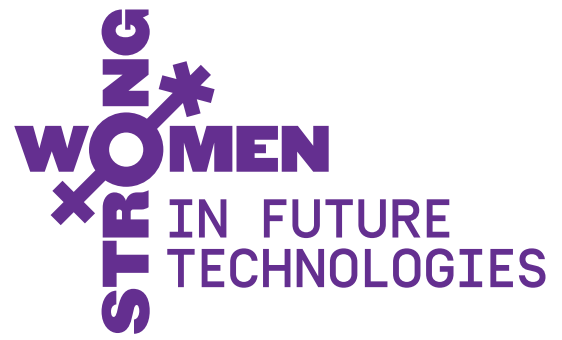# (SWIFT) PROGRAM COMPETITION
CALL FOR STUDENT ENTRIES
YOUNG *W(O)MEN IN YEARS 5—8
Entries open on Monday 29th July
Closing Friday 23rd August 2019

OFFICIAL COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Strong W(o)men In Future Technologies (SWIFT Program) Entries

1. We are actively seeking as diverse a representation as possible for this competition – considerations including but not limited to a range of differing physical, emotional, learning and social abilities, gender identification, socio-economic status, cultural background and geographical location. We strongly encourage schools not to necessarily pick the best, brightest and shiniest entries, but to those that can provide different perspectives, show openness and eagerness, and be inspirational to others.

2. Students must be able to attend the full day workshop in Adelaide City on **Friday 20th September 2019**.
   A nominated parent/caregiver and teacher/educator must also be available to attend with their child/student.

3. Students create a piece of work that explains why they think it is important for young women and non-binary persons to participate in a technological future, and what sort of skills they think will be needed to be successful – and students should be encouraged to think outside of the technical. The entry can take the shape of a written piece (300 words or less), a video (2 minutes or less), a piece of artwork or anything else that can be sent and viewed online. Students should create authentically, and from their own perspectives.

4. The SWIFT Program Competition is open to students who identify as female or non-binary in Years 5–8 during the 2019 school year who are currently studying at State Schools in South Australia.

5. All entrants will be awarded a Certificate of Acknowledgement.

6. The final school-selected entries must be submitted via the online submission platform by **Friday 23rd August 2019**.
   All required information fields must be completed and submitted with the student's submission which can be found here.

7. Each entry:
   – must be the original creation of the submitting student;
   – must be previously unpublished and cannot have been submitted to any other competition;
   – must not infringe upon or violate the rights of any third party; and, by the act of submission, warrants and represents that the student (and parent/legal guardian) fully and completely conforms to the stated requirements for entry. No other form of participation other than as stated in these Official Rules is valid;
   All submitted entries become the sole property of the Australian Institute for Machine Learning and will be acknowledged via email.

8. Entries will be judged at the School level first, with each primary school to select three (3) finalists – 1 finalist each from Grades 5, 6 and 7, and each high school to select two (2) finalists from Year 8 only. Once the finalists have been determined by the schools with all relevant documentation submitted, the State Level Judging will occur. Entries will be judged by representatives from the Australian Institute for Machine Learning and associated strategic government and industry partners, acting as the SWIFT Program Competition Panel, whose decisions are final and binding.

9. Sixteen (16) Winners will be selected – (four) 4 from each Grade, at least three (3) of those from regional schools. Winners and their schools will be notified on Monday 2nd September 2019. Winners must obtain signed consent from their parent/legal guardian to be eligible for the prize. The downloadable consent form can be found here and, once completed, be emailed to swiftprogram@adelaide.edu.au . Nominated winners who cannot provide a signed form will be ineligible and another will be chosen in their place. Once we have received this form, a Talent Release and Copyright Agreement form will also be sent to allow pictures and video to be taken, however it is not mandatory that this one be signed to take part in the workshop.

10. The winners will be brought into Adelaide City for a full day workshop to help us co-create the SWIFT program along with a nominated parent/caregiver and teacher/educator. Please note that parents/caregivers and teachers/educators must be able to attend two (2) hour focus groups respectively, to assist in developing the associated workshops to support their children/ students.

    ### Regional Participants – Reasonable Expenses Will Be Covered
    All reasonable expenses associated with attending the workshops (travel, accommodation and sustenance for regional participants) will be covered and organised by the Australian Institute for Machine Learning. Expenses not specified herein are solely the responsibility of the winners. If the winners cannot accept their prize as stated, the prize will be forfeited in its entirety and an alternate winner will be determined.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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