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University of Tartu Institute of Computer Science student project contest

Students carry out projects in many disciplines and courses. However, these results are not visible. Because of that, the Institute of Computer Science announces a competition for IT student projects.

The statute

1. Participation is open to University of Tartu students at the bachelor's or master's level, regardless of the curriculum, in teams of one to five.

2. The project submitted in the field of IT can be a practical or theoretical research or implementation project. It may be associated with any course or be a completely new and personal initiative. For example, a project from a course, educational resource, public software, a start-up idea, etc.

3. Projects are evaluated in three categories:

- First-year bachelor’s level;
- Bachelor’s level;
- Master’s level.

In the Bachelor’s and Master’s categories, at least 2/3 of the authors (except the supervisor) have to be students of the appropriate level. If there are two members in the team, ½ of the authors must be students of the appropriate level. In the first-year Bachelor’s category, all authors must be first-year Bachelor's students. The Institute of Computer Science is not responsible for the correctness of the information provided by the authors of the submission.

4. Projects can be submitted in either Estonian or English (or both).

5. Projects must be submitted and will be evaluated in the format of a poster (PDF in vertical portrait mode, A0 size). The poster must contain an exact list of authors and affiliations. The university, institute, curriculum, supervisor (if applicable), and public web address. All posters must have the Institute of Computer Science logo: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ODn5Bo01w-LqDSaJshpAGcucaPUthKvz.

6. Every work must have a public web address where one can access the submitted materials. This can be a website or any other platform, such as GitHub, Google Code, etc.

7. We encourage participants to use open source licenses for their work.

8. The platform for submitting competition entries will be published on the contest website https://cs.ut.ee/en/content/student-project-contest by 1 May 2026 at the latest. Once submitted, the entries cannot be changed. All the submitted works and the names of the authors will be published on the University of Tartu websites, mailing lists, and social media channels.

9. By submitting a project, the authors give the University of Tartu the right to publish the projects with the authors' names and use it as public information both in print and digitally. Permission is also given to take photos and/or videos at the final event of the contest.

10. The projects will be evaluated by an *ad hoc* committee formed by the Institute's faculty and approved by the head of the Institute. The committee will be made up of five individuals minimum, including at least three professors or lecturers at the University of Tartu. The committee will evaluate the idea, scope, quality, completeness, and innovativeness of the project and its form and substance. Based on the committee's opinion, a ranking will be made.

11. The prizes are 2,400 € in every category. 1,000 € for I, € 800 II, and € 600 III (per team). The committee reserves the right to create additional categories in which to give out prizes. The committee can make their decisions according to its will and the size of the prize fund.

12. The deadlines for submissions will be published on the homepage of the Institute of Computer Science: https://cs.ut.ee/en/content/student-project-contest.

13. Recipients of awards are obliged to present their project publicly up to twice – for example, during some public event or course. Respective requests will be made by the institute's representative.

14. The committee is not obliged to justify their decisions, and these decisions cannot be further contested. The committee also reserves the right to refrain from giving out the prize fund if the submissions are not worthy.