

AI GRAND PRIX

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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These Terms and Conditions ("Terms") apply to the AI Grand Prix ("Competition") conducted by the University of San Diego ("USD" or "Organizer"). By registering for or participating in the Competition, you agree to these Terms and Conditions.

1. Eligibility

The Competition is open to **graduates, early-career professionals and individuals aspiring to pursue a U.S. Master's**, subject to the eligibility requirements specified by USD.

Current students enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree program are not eligible to participate in the Competition.

Participants must provide complete and accurate information at the time of registration. USD may ask for additional information to verify a participant's identity or eligibility.

Each participant must use their own name and account to register and participate.

Participation in the Competition does not guarantee admission to the University of San Diego or eligibility for any particular USD program.

2. Registration and the Challenge

Registration is free.

Each participant is allowed **one attempt** at the Competition. The challenge consists of 26 questions and must be completed within 45 minutes.

Once an attempt has been submitted, or the 45 minute time limit has expired, the participant cannot restart or retake the challenge.

Participants are responsible for having a suitable device, supported browser and reliable internet connection before starting the challenge.

3. Fair Participation

The Competition is intended to test the participant's own knowledge and ability. Participants must complete the challenge independently.

Participants must not use another person, unauthorized external resources, AI tools, answer generation tools, bots, scripts or any other method to obtain an unfair advantage.

USD may review information relating to a participant's attempt to check compliance with these Terms. This may include **tab switching, changes to the active browser window, timing information, unusual activity patterns and other relevant technical information.**

USD may also review an attempt if it identifies activity that appears unusual or inconsistent with normal participation and may request additional information or clarification from the participant.

4. Disqualification

USD may disqualify a participant if the participant:

- provides false or misleading information;
- participates more than once;
- uses unauthorized assistance or resources;
- attempts to manipulate a score or ranking;
- interferes with the Competition platform;
- provides a false college or university affiliation;
- creates duplicate or false registrations to influence the College Standings;
- coordinates with other participants to gain an unfair advantage; or
- otherwise breaches these Terms.

USD may disqualify a participant at any time, including after provisional or final results have been published.

If a participant is disqualified, their result will be removed from the individual leaderboard and, where applicable, from their college's combined score. The participant will also no longer be eligible for any prize or scholarship.

5. Individual Leaderboard

Participants will be ranked according to their final challenge score.

The leaderboard shown during the Competition is provisional and may change as participants complete the challenge and results are reviewed.

Where two or more participants have the same score, the participant with the shorter completion time will rank higher.

Final individual rankings will be announced on **21st September 2026**.

6. Grand Prix College Standings

Participants may compete on behalf of their **college, university or alma mater**.

A college's position in the Grand Prix College Standings will be based on the combined scores of eligible participants from that college who complete the challenge.

College Combined Score = The sum of the scores of all eligible completed attempts associated with that college.

Scores are not averaged. Each eligible participant's full score is added to their college's combined score.

A registration does not count towards a college's score unless the participant completes the challenge.

Only eligible alumni participants will be counted towards the College Standings. Current students are not eligible and will not be counted towards an institution's participation, combined score or the 50 participant requirement described in Section 7.

Participants must provide a genuine college or university affiliation. USD may correct, standardize or combine different versions of the same institution's name for the purpose of the College Standings.

Participants must not select a college with which they have no legitimate educational association or otherwise attempt to influence the College Standings through false registrations or affiliations.

If a participant is disqualified, their score will also be removed from the relevant college's combined score.

If two colleges have the same combined score, the college with more eligible completed participants will rank higher. If a further tie-breaker is required, the USD India office will determine the applicable tie-breaker based on relevant factors, which may include the total time taken by eligible participants to complete the challenge.

The college ranked first in the final College Standings will be named the **winning college of the AI Grand Prix**.

The winning college will be announced on **21st September 2026**.

7. Institutional Recognition and Contribution

The **Top 5 eligible colleges or institutions** in the final Grand Prix College Standings will be recognized based on their combined scores.

To qualify for the institutional recognition and **₹1,00,000 contribution**, an institution must have at least **50 eligible alumni participants who have completed the AI Grand Prix** during the Competition period.

Only eligible alumni participants will count towards the 50 participant requirement and the College Standings.

For each eligible institution ranked in the Top 5, USD will work with the **institutional point of contact who has provided the greatest support for the AI Grand Prix initiative** to determine the appropriate recipient department or institutional body for the contribution. This may include the **Department of Computer Science, Vice Chancellor's office, Alumni office or another relevant department or institutional body**, as determined in consultation with the institution.

The **₹1,00,000 contribution** will be made to the selected institution, department or institutional body in recognition of its contribution towards developing AI talent and engaging its alumni community. The contribution will not be paid to individual participants.

If an institution has fewer than **50 eligible completed alumni attempts**, it will not qualify for the institutional contribution, even if its combined score places it among the Top 5.

USD may, at its discretion, explore opportunities for future engagement or sponsorship of relevant institutional events or initiatives with participating institutions. Any such engagement or sponsorship will be considered separately and does not constitute a commitment by USD to provide future sponsorship or funding.

The institutional contribution is separate from the individual prizes and scholarships described in these Terms.

8. Prizes

The participant who finishes **Rank #1** in the final individual rankings will be eligible for:

₹1,00,000 cash prize and a ₹20,00,000 scholarship towards a qualifying full-time, on-campus technology Master's program at the University of San Diego.

To qualify for the Rank #1 prize, the participant must be an applicant to a qualifying full-time, on-campus USD Tech Master's program for **Spring 2027** and meet the applicable admission and eligibility requirements.

Each participant who finishes in the **Top 5** will be eligible for a **₹10,00,000 scholarship** towards a qualifying full-time, on-campus technology Master's program at USD.

To qualify for the Top 5 scholarship, the participant must be an applicant to a qualifying full-time, on-campus USD Tech Master's program and meet the applicable admission and scholarship requirements.

9. Scholarship Conditions

Scholarships are subject to USD's applicable admission, scholarship and enrollment requirements. Winning a scholarship does not guarantee admission.

Recipients must meet the requirements of the applicable USD program, including any academic, application, documentation, visa and enrollment requirements.

The scholarship may only be used towards the qualifying USD program and applicable costs as determined by USD. It does not automatically cover living expenses, travel, accommodation, health insurance, visa expenses or other personal expenses unless expressly stated by USD.

The AI Grand Prix scholarship cannot be combined with another USD scholarship, tuition award or institutional discount unless expressly permitted by USD.

If a participant is eligible for more than one USD scholarship or award, USD will determine the applicable scholarship or award in accordance with its scholarship policies.

If a Rank #1 or Top 5 participant decides not to pursue the qualifying USD program, declines the scholarship or does not meet the applicable requirements, USD may offer the scholarship to the next eligible participant in the final individual rankings.

Any scholarship offered to a replacement recipient will be subject to the same applicable conditions.

Scholarships cannot be transferred to another person or exchanged for cash unless USD expressly permits otherwise.

A scholarship cannot be deferred to a future intake unless USD expressly approves the deferral.

If a scholarship recipient does not enroll in the applicable program within the required intake or approved period, the scholarship may lapse.

10. Winner Verification

Before confirming a winner or awarding a prize or scholarship, USD may verify the participant's identity, eligibility, registration information, college affiliation, score, completion time and Competition activity.

If a winner is found to be ineligible or to have breached these Terms, USD may disqualify the participant and offer the applicable prize or scholarship to the next eligible participant.

Any taxes, deductions or other statutory requirements applicable to a prize will be handled in accordance with applicable law.

11. Winner Contact

USD will contact eligible winners using the information provided during registration.

If a winner does not respond within **15 days** of being contacted, USD may treat the prize or scholarship as declined and offer the applicable benefit to the next eligible participant.

USD is not responsible for a winner failing to receive or respond to a communication because the participant provided incorrect contact information.

12. Technical Issues

USD will make reasonable efforts to keep the Competition platform available but does not guarantee that it will always be uninterrupted or error free.

USD is not responsible for problems caused by a participant's device, browser, internet connection, power supply or other circumstances outside USD's reasonable control.

If a significant technical issue affects the Competition generally, USD may take reasonable steps to address the issue and, where necessary, make changes to protect the fairness of the Competition.

13. Changes to the Competition

USD may modify, suspend, extend or cancel the Competition, or any part of it, where reasonably necessary because of technical issues, fraud, security concerns, circumstances outside its reasonable control or any other issue that affects the proper or fair conduct of the Competition.

Any material changes will be communicated through the official AI Grand Prix channels where reasonably practicable.

14. Publicity and Use of Name

By participating in the Competition, participants agree that, subject to applicable law and any required consent, USD and its authorized representatives may use the participant's **name, college or university, rank, score, photograph, video, likeness and Competition-related statements** in connection with the AI Grand Prix and its promotion.

This may include use on USD and AI Grand Prix websites, leaderboards, social media, email communications, press releases, digital and print marketing, promotional videos and other official communications.

USD may identify participants as AI Grand Prix participants, finalists, Top 5 participants, Rank #1 winner or other recognized participants.

Participants understand that content published on public platforms may be viewed, shared or reposted by third parties.

15. Privacy

Information collected during registration and participation may be used to administer the Competition, verify eligibility, manage rankings, administer prizes and scholarships, contact participants and communicate relevant USD programs and opportunities where permitted.

Personal information will be handled in accordance with applicable privacy laws and USD's applicable privacy policies.

16. Competition Materials

All Competition questions, content, branding, graphics, designs and related materials are owned by or licensed to USD or their respective rights holders.

Participants may not copy, reproduce, publish, distribute or commercially use Competition content without prior written permission.

17. No Guarantee of Admission or Career Outcome

Participation in or success in the Competition does not guarantee admission to USD, a visa, employment, an internship, a particular salary or any other specific educational or career outcome.

18. Organizer's Decision

USD's decisions regarding eligibility, validity of an attempt, disqualification, rankings and prize or scholarship eligibility will be final, subject to applicable law.

USD may correct any administrative, technical or calculation error identified in the Competition or leaderboard.

If any provision of these Terms is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will continue to apply.

19. Acceptance of Terms

By registering for or participating in the AI Grand Prix, you confirm that you have read and agreed to these Terms and that the information you have provided is accurate.

If you do not agree to these Terms, you should not participate in the AI Grand Prix.

20. Contact

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