FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We invite professors interested in the Case Study Competition (CSC) to read the rules, which can be found on the webpage (see here). In this document, you will find all the useful information and the link to the registration forms.

Where can I find the registration forms?
The links to both the university and the students’ forms are available in the rules. We have put them there to make sure that you register only after knowing how the competition works.

Why and when do I need to register my students?
You will send your students their individual registration forms only after your university class participation is accepted. In this form, the students agree to comply with the rules, respect the Olympic values and provide their full name, which will be used only for issuing the successful participation or winner certificates. We will send you the certificates to be distributed to your students when the competition ends.

Can I see the tasks beforehand?
In principle yes, but only for the first three rounds, because the competition to be selected for round 4 (the semi-finals) is only between your class teams, so there is no advantage if one university knows the tasks beforehand. However, in the event that your class matches with other universities in rounds 2 and 3, we kindly ask you not to give your students the tasks earlier than two weeks before each round is held, to ensure that all the students from the different universities have a similar amount of time to work on them.

Is the personal data provided in the forms protected?
Yes, all personal data will be used only for the needs of the CSC. We follow the European Union data protection (GDPR) rules.

Why do you want to be allowed to use our university logo?
We plan to create a webpage listing the universities taking part in the CSC, and would like to publish your logo beside the name of the university for greater visual impact. That is the sole purpose of this request.

Can we take part with Bachelor students?
The CSC is for master’s students only. Professors of bachelor and other “non-master’s” degree level students can use the tasks as an in-class learning initiative (tasks 1 – 3), but students will not be able to participate in the competition as such. To get access the tasks, send an email to cs_competition@uni-mainz.de.

Can we take part with fewer than three teams?
No, because the first three rounds will be played as a competition between your classes, and we need to ensure that each semi-finalist has similar challenges beforehand to improve in solving the tasks in a fierce but fair competition. If you have fewer than three teams, the selection of a team to enter the semi-finals will be too easy, and will not be fair with regard to other universities’ classes.
Will each university reach the semi-finals?
Yes, the winner of rounds 1 to 3 from your university will qualify for the semi-finals (round 4). The semi-finals will be coordinated by an independent international jury. In the semi-finals, the competition will be between different universities, and only the best teams will qualify for the finals.

Can I participate as an individual?
No, you need at least three teams of three students to take part.

What does two ECTS mean – how much work does taking part require?
Two ECTS means 60 hours of work for the students, and that is what the students need to prepare properly for the tasks. Of this, the direct teaching time is about 45 minutes for the introduction and Q&A to ensure that the students fully understand the CSC. Finally, for each of the three rounds, you should plan for approximately 120 minutes for the students’ presentation time, followed by between 30 and 60 minutes for feedback on the students’ performance (this will be up to each professor). It is for each professor to decide whether this work will count as part of the curriculum or not.

What influence does the matched university have on my grading?
That depends on you. The other university’s professor should suggest a mark for your teams and may provide short feedback that you can use in your feedback to the students. At the end, you decide the marks for rounds 1 to 3, and so there is fair and consistent grading for your own class competition.