

# Soil, Big Data and the Future of Agriculture Competition 2015

## Details, Terms & Conditions

### Part A – Competition Details

This Part A sets out the details of the Competition. The terms and conditions applicable to the Competition are set out in Part B.

<b>Competition Details</b>	
<b>Competition title</b>	<b>Soil, Big Data and the Future of Agriculture Competition 2015</b>
<b>How to enter</b>	<p>To enter the competition entrants must, during the Promotional Period:</p> <p>(i) Submit via the online submission form on the Soil, Big Data and the Future of Agriculture website (<a href="http://soilbigdata.org/">http://soilbigdata.org/</a>) a response to the following question: <b>“What is your vision for the future of agriculture in Australia?”</b> Submissions should be either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a written response no longer than 600 words, or</li><li>• a video response of no more than 4 minutes (roughly equivalent to 600 words).</li></ul> <p>(ii) along with their submission, provide their full name, postal address, email address, phone number, job position title or university enrolled in and degree enrolled in (if applicable).</p>
<b>Prize(s)</b>	<p>The winner will receive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Return flights (from the nearest regional airport), 1 nights’ accommodation and one ticket to attend the Soil, Big Data and the Future of Agriculture Conference to be held 25 June, 2015 at the Hotel Realm, Canberra.</li><li>2. \$300 prize money.</li><li>3. An opportunity to present their vision to the conference as a 5 minute presentation (if preferred, the winner can pre-record their presentation to be screened on the day).</li></ol>
<b>Competition Period</b>	The Promotion commences at <b>9am AEST on 29 May, 2015</b> . Entries close at <b>9am AEST on 15 June, 2015</b> .
<b>Who may enter</b>	Entry is open to Australian residents aged 18-30 years old who are engaged or interested in the agriculture or the digital agriculture field.

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<b>Maximum number of entries per individual entrant</b>	Each entrant may only make one submission.
<b>Judging criteria and process</b>	All valid entries received by <b>9am</b> AEST on <b>15 June 2015</b> will be reviewed by a panel of the Promoter's staff who will select a winner. The winner will be contacted by <b>17 June 2015</b> . The winner will be selected based on their ability to present a cogent and well-delivered argument. The winner will be chosen at the offices of the Promoter, The University of Sydney, NSW 2006 Australia at <b>3pm</b> AEST on <b>16 June 2014</b> .
<b>Prize winner notification</b>	The winner will be contacted by <b>5pm</b> on <b>17 June 2015</b> by their nominated phone number and email address and will also be announced on the Soil, Big Data and the Future of Agriculture ( <a href="http://soilbigdata.org/">http://soilbigdata.org/</a> ) website.
<b>Claiming the prize</b>	Prize money will be deposited to the winner's nominated bank account. The prize winner must provide all necessary information to enable the US Studies Centre to book flights and accommodation by <b>18 June 2015</b> .
<b>Special conditions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Entrants agree to, at the Promoter's request, participate in reasonable promotional activity surrounding the Competition or the winning of any prize, free of charge, and they consent to the Promoter and its related bodies corporate using their name and image in promotional material.</li><li>2. All claims and entries become the property of the Promoter. Each entrant grants the Promoter the right to reproduce, publish, transmit or otherwise communicate to the public their entry, in whole or in part, in or using any media for any purpose without permission or payment.</li><li>3. All entrants agree to provide the Promoter with proof of identity, residency, age and/or proof of entry validity if reasonably requested by the Promoter.</li><li>4. Entrants may not make submissions that have been previously published in another publication. Submissions which have previously been made for an academic class may be submitted.</li><li>5. All entrants will be added to the US Studies Centre email distribution list to receive the weekly e-newsletter. Entrants will be</li></ol>

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	<p>able to unsubscribe once they receive the first issue of the e-newsletter if they so desire.</p> <p>6. The winner will receive economy class flights from their nearest regional airport to Canberra. If the winner's closest capital city is Canberra, flights will not be included in the prize.</p> <p>7. Accommodation will be provided for one night at a hotel in Canberra (hotel to be confirmed).</p> <p>8. Airport transfers, meals, travel insurance and other incidental costs incurred as a result of attending the Soil, Big Data and Future of Agriculture Conference in Canberra are not included in the prize and will be the prizewinner's responsibility.</p> <p>9. The winner will be required to confirm whether they will attend the Soil, Big Data and Future of Agriculture conference by <b>18 June 2015</b>.</p>

### Part B – Terms & Conditions for Competition

10. These Terms & Conditions (“**Terms**”) apply to the game of skill described in Part A (the “**Competition**”).
11. The Competition will be conducted the United States Studies Centre (“**USSC**”) (“**The Promoter**”). The Promoter is an Australian Public Company, limited by guarantee ABN 85 122 586 341 CRICOS Number: 00026A and located at the Institute Building (H03), the University of Sydney, NSW, 2006.
12. The Terms may be amended or replaced by the Promoter in its absolute discretion and at any time.
13. If there is any conflict between these Conditions of Entry and any other published material, these Conditions of Entry are to prevail.
14. Entry into the Competition is deemed acceptance of the Terms (as amended from time to time).
15. Entry is open only to residents of Australia who comply with any entry restrictions specified in these Terms.
16. To enter the Competition, entrants must, during the Competition Period, follow the entry method and instructions specified in Part A.

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17. Entries must be received by the Promoter during the Competition Period. Entrants may submit up to the maximum number of entries specified in Part A. If an entrant submits multiple entries, only the entry or entries most recently submitted (up to the permitted maximum) will be accepted by the Promoter.
18. Each entry must be an original work by the entrant. Each entrant warrants that their entry is not, and its use by the Promoter or other persons will not infringe the rights (including intellectual property rights) of any third party.
19. Each entrant is responsible for notifying the Promoter of any changes to his/her residential address, email address or phone number during and after the Competition Period.
20. The Competition is a game of skill, chance plays no part in determining the winner/s and each validly submitted entry will be individually judged by representatives of the Promoter as specified in Part A, on the basis of originality and creativity, and according to any other criteria specified or adopted by the Promoter.
21. A decision of the Promoter in relation to the conduct of the Competition, including the selection of winning entries, is binding and conclusive and no correspondence will be entered into.
22. Prizes are not transferable or redeemable for cash. The prizes or any element of the prizes cannot be exchanged for any other prize/s. The contents of the prizes will be at the Promoter's sole discretion.
23. If a prize involves the winner or winning entry participating in an event, if any part of the event is postponed, cancelled or varied for any reason, then at the Promoter's discretion, the winner forfeits all rights to participate in the relevant event and no cash or alternative prize will be substituted for that element of the prize.
24. Any expense, including taxes, spare parts, maintenance or delivery costs, associated with accepting, taking or using a prize, will be the prize winner's sole responsibility.
25. The Promoter makes no warranties or representations about the fitness for purpose or suitability of any prize and will not accept responsibility for the quality or fitness for any purpose of any prize, or the failure of any prize to be of merchantable quality. If liability under terms implied by legislation cannot be excluded by the Promoter, the liability of the Promoter is limited to re-supplying the relevant goods or services or paying the cost of replacing them.
26. No responsibility will be taken by the Promoter for any changes in dates, times or cancellations or other arrangements that may prevent a winner from accepting, taking or using a prize.
27. The Promoter may, in its absolute discretion, disqualify:
  - a. any entry which is not original, is not completed in accordance with these Terms, infringes the intellectual property rights of any third party, contains any

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- objectionable or poor quality content, or has the potential to damage the reputation of any person; or
- b. any individual who tampers with the entry process, submits an entry that is not in accordance with the Terms, or who has in the opinion of the Promoter, engaged in unlawful or improper conduct that is designed to, or is likely to, adversely affect the fair and proper conduct of the Competition or is generally damaging to the goodwill or reputation of the Promoter.
28. The Promoter reserves the right, in its absolute discretion, at any time before the awarding of the prizes to cancel or vary a competition, or cancel, vary or withdraw its prizes. If the Promoter cancels or varies a competition, or cancels, varies or withdraws its prizes, is not:
- a. liable to any person for any costs, loss or damage whatsoever arising out of, or in connection with, such cancellation, variation or withdrawal; or
- b. required to conduct the Competition at any other time.
29. The Promoter accepts no responsibility for late, lost, incorrectly submitted or misdirected entries, for any technological malfunction or failure, Internet traffic congestion, or for outdated or incorrect contact details by which the entrant cannot be contacted during business hours on relevant dates.
30. Entrants enter the Competition at their sole risk. With the exception of liability which cannot be excluded by law, the Promoter is not be liable for, and an entrant releases the Promoter from, liabilities relating to any direct or indirect loss or damage which is suffered, or for personal injury or sickness suffered or sustained, as a result of entering the Competition, failing to win, winning, accepting or using a prize.
31. Any information or material provided by entrants to the Promoter when entering the Competition will be used by the Promoter for the purpose of promoting the purpose of the Competition, conducting the Competition, administering the prizes and as otherwise specified in these Terms. The Promoter may use any personal information in accordance with its privacy policy available at its website <http://ussc.edu.au>. Entrants may access and correct their personal information held by the Promoter, upon request to the Promoter.