



Terms & Conditions

Airbus Quantum Computing Challenge 2019

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1. Introduction

Airbus Quantum Computing Challenge (AQCC) is a challenge for participants worldwide to solve one or more of 5 complex flight physics problem statements by applying quantum computing techniques. Airbus S.A.S. (2 rond-point Emile Dewoitine, 31700 Blagnac cedex. France) (hereafter “Airbus” or the “Promoter”) is offering a non-monetary prize and a range of benefits for the individuals and/or teams who [propose the most relevant solution to address one or more of the 5 above mentioned problem statements]. By registering for the AQCC, you should read and unconditionally agree to all of these terms and conditions. Furthermore, you accept any and all of Airbus’s decisions with regard to the Airbus Quantum Computing Challenge as final and binding in all respects.

2. Airbus Quantum Computing Challenge

Airbus Quantum Computing Challenge (hereafter the “Competition”) is an international competition organised by Airbus S.A.S., a company incorporated under French law as a simplified joint stock company, with its headquarters located at 2 rond-point Emile Dewoitine, 31700 Blagnac cedex. France.

3. Who Can Participate?

The Airbus Quantum Computing Challenge is a worldwide competition open to anyone with the relevant expertise in the Quantum Computing field (post-graduate students, PhDs, academics, researchers, start-ups, or professionals in the field).

Employees of Airbus, their agents and employees or agents of their partner QCWare are not allowed to enter the Competition.

Students currently involved in an internship, apprenticeship or summer placement with Airbus are not eligible to take part in the Competition unless their contract ends before the end of the competition registration period and they notify the Promoter by email at info@airbusqc.com.

Students or professionals who start working for Airbus, or start-ups who receive investment from Airbus while participating in the Competition must withdraw from the Competition.

Immediate family members (immediate family members include: spouse; parents and grandparents; children and grandchildren; brothers and sisters; mother-in-law and father-in-law; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; daughters-in-law and sons-in-law; adopted, half, and step members are also included) of Airbus or our QC Partner employees are allowed to enter the Competition, but must declare, when requested, the name of said employee. Failure to do so will invalidate their registration, and will lead to disqualification from the Competition at this, or any later stage.

Any individual who registers for and participates in the Competition whether as an individual or as part of a team, cannot under any circumstances be considered as having a contractual employment relationship with Airbus and its affiliates, and for the avoidance of all doubt, cannot be considered as a salaried employee.

4. Registration

Competition entrants (hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”) wishing to participate must register their interest in the competition, and communicate to Airbus if they will participate as an individual, or as part of a team.

Participants who decide to participate as part of a team. Participants registering for more than one team will be disqualified. All individual members of the teams must have a valid e-mail address.

Airbus reserves the right to check the validity of the registration information of any participant.

Airbus also reserves the right to refuse participation, or to disqualify, at any time during the Competition, Participants (and their Teams) who have submitted incorrect or misleading information.

Participants (and their Teams) will have no recourse against disqualification decisions.

Exact deadlines will be provided on the competition website in the FAQ Section.

5. Team Composition

Each Team must comprise at least 2 (minimum) members. There is no maximum number of team members, however, we recommend a team size of up to 10 members; if you would like to participate in a team with more than 10 members, please send an email to info@airbusqc.com to request authorisation.

Each team must appoint a Focal Point. The Focal Point will be the main contact point for the Promoter, and emails sent to the email address provided by the Focal Point will be considered delivered. Once a team has been registered, no modification in its composition will be allowed after the registration deadline, unless for specific reasons outlined below.

Team members wishing to cancel their participation must communicate this by email to the Promoter at info@airbusqc.com. Team members can be replaced or new members added until the submission deadline. A team member cannot be replaced unless they have confirmed by email as above that they wish to step down first.

Decisions relating to team changes after the submission deadline are at Airbus' discretion and will be reviewed by Airbus' Competition coordination team.

6. Competition Stages

Participants are asked to consult the calendar published online on the AQCC website <https://www.airbus.com/qc-challenge.html> for the key dates.

7. Competition Requirements and Evaluation

Each Participant or Team will be required to send their submissions in accordance with the requirements which will be provided in the form of the 'Submission Brief' to be published on the AQCC website after the launch on the AQCC website <https://www.airbus.com/qc-challenge.html>.

Submissions will be assessed by an assessment panel comprising of Airbus staff, Quantum Computing industry and academic experts. The assessment panel's decision will be based on the criteria set out in the briefing pack / technical dossier for each Problem Statement and the experience of the panel members.

The decision of the panel shall be final and binding.

8. Correspondence

All correspondence must be in English.

There will be an FAQ section on the Competition website, which will aim to cover many of the questions that Participants may have.

Any additional questions or comments concerning the Competition must be sent via email to: info@airbusqc.com.

However, no guarantee of an answer or an answer time may be given. Furthermore, Airbus reserves the right not to answer the question if it is judged that an answer would give an unfair advantage to certain participants.

Participants who have received unofficial or content sensitive information relating to the Competition with the intent of allowing an unfair competitive advantage, from employees, interns, apprentices and

trainees of any party involved with the Competition must immediately inform Airbus by emailing info@airbusqc.com.

9. Prizes

In the spirit of innovation and in an effort to motivate the community, Airbus wants to bring what it knows best and what it can do best. This is to provide Airbus-sponsored access to hardware and real Flight physics problems along with the experts with wealth of flight physics knowledge to further develop selected solutions in collaboration. The future co-operational framework will be established in consideration of the diverse nature of the solutions.

The Promoter reserves the right to award additional 'discretionary' prizes during or at the end of the Competition.

10. Intellectual Property - Confidentiality

Definition: Unless otherwise defined, the term "Airbus Domain", singular or plural, used in these terms & conditions shall mean the design, development, manufacture and support of equipment or services in the fields of aerospace, space or defence.

The participants are free to publish their submission and any related ideas in scientific journals, conferences or on online platforms. Those publications shall be made only after the submission period concludes (starting November 2019).

The participants will provide to the Promoter if reasonably possible a copy of any publication (e.g. journal, conference etc.) that directly relates to the ideas generated in the Competition.

In addition, and on a non-exclusive basis, the Participants agree to provide the Promoter and its affiliates, legal representatives, assigns, agents and licensees a non-exclusive, perpetual, world-wide, royalty free licence in the Airbus Domain to all rights, title and interest in the submission, including all intellectual property rights in, and embodied by, the submission (including, without limitation, all patent rights, design rights, trademarks and copyright), for the duration of protection afforded by the relevant intellectual property rights, including the right of representation and reproduction and the right of performance, with respect to the Competition, as well as in all materials arising out of the Participants' participation in the Competition in any media and format throughout the world, without further compensation. Such licence shall be transferable and shall include the right to sub-licence.

It is the sole responsibility of the Participants to ensure that they are entitled to license all rights, title and interest in the submission, including all intellectual property rights in, and embodied by, the submission. At the request of the Promoter, the Participants and/or their academic mentors shall provide written confirmation of the ownership of any rights, title and interest in the submission, including all intellectual property rights in, and embodied by, the submission.

The Participants agree to allow the Promoter to use, represent, reproduce, etc. their name, photographing and recording of their images and words on any kind of medium and format for any kind of internal and external communications by the Promoter throughout the world and without any additional remuneration. The Participants also agree that this authorisation remains in force unless they terminate it by notifying the Promoter by email to info@airbusqc.com their withdrawal of their consent.

Prior to any use of the Promoters' name, logo, images or any other similar Promoter material in any publication, permission must have been granted in writing. In such a case the Promoter undertakes to cooperate to allow the timely submission, examination, publication of any dissertation or thesis for a degree, which includes such material. If such a request is made and if within two months no response has been provided, such permission will be considered as having been withheld.

The Participants shall unless expressly authorised in writing by the relevant party, not disclose any confidential information or documentation to third parties and shall only use such confidential information or documentation for purposes of this Competition. Upon termination of this Competition, the obligations herein relating to confidentiality shall continue in full force and effect for a period of one year.

11. Privacy Policy

Airbus S.A.S. collects your personal data as listed in the online registration form on <https://www.airbus.com/qc-challenge.html> for the purpose of organising the management of the participants in the Quantum Computing Challenge.

To comply with GDPR legislation, the Organisers in their responsibility as Data Controller and in agreement with the Partner, have mandated Petrus Communications to handle Competition submissions on their behalf. Petrus Communications, acting as Data Processor, will ensure that all personal data submitted during the Competition will be handled strictly within the GDPR guidelines.

In accordance with these current regulations, you have the right to access, correct, delete and object to the use of your personal data. You also have the right to give your prior consent for marketing and to object to it under the applicable regulations. You can ask for restriction of the use of your data.

Please use this email address info@airbusqc.com to make your request or send it to the following address: Airbus SAS, Head of Data Protection, HAP, 2 rond-point Emile Dewoitine, 31700 Blagnac cedex. France

The privacy policy detailing in full how we handle personal data in line with current regulations can be found [here](#).

12. Claims and Disputes

Any individual or team suspected of plagiarism will be investigated, and, if deemed appropriate by the Promoter, disqualified from the Competition.

Claims/disputes should be sent within one calendar month of the end of the Competition by mail to Petrus Communications, 23 Boulevard du General Leclerc, 77300 Fontainebleau, France, and by email to the info@airbusqc.com; please include 'Dispute' in the subject header.

Rules are governed by French law. Disputes are subject to jurisdiction of the French Courts.