



PITCHES

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At the PEER Student Committee, we value each member's contribution and strive to provide a supportive environment for everyone. In line with this commitment, we have established rules and regulations for the 2023 PEER Pitches Competition. These guidelines are essential to ensure fairness and organization throughout the event, and failure to adhere to them may result in disqualification. We encourage all teams and individuals to embrace these rules, as they are designed to promote a fruitful and fulfilling experience for everyone involved.

1. Novelty of the proposed research idea:
 - a. All teams must present an original research idea.
 - b. Ideas should not be copied or adapted from published articles.
 - c. Ongoing research work by participants will not be considered as an original idea. However, the future scope of current research work is acceptable.
2. Scope of the Proposed Idea:
 - a. Teams should present an idea that aligns with the vision of PEER.
 - b. Further details can be found at the following links:
 - PEER Mission and Goals: peer.berkeley.edu/about/mission-and-goals
 - About PEER: peer.berkeley.edu/about
3. Eligibility Criteria:
 - a. Teams can have a maximum of three participants.
 - b. Only students (undergraduate or graduate) are eligible to participate.
 - c. Faculty members or post-doctoral fellows from the respective academic institutions can advise teams, but their names must be listed in the participation form.
4. Selection of Proposed Ideas:
 - a. The PEER Student Committee will evaluate proposed ideas based on intellectual merit, research plan, broader impact and writing quality of the proposal.
 - b. A maximum of 10 teams will be selected from all submitted responses to pitch their research idea to a panel of professors and industry professionals in a 3 to 4 minute presentation at the PEER Annual Meeting in 2023.
 - c. A maximum of two teams will be selected from the same institution.
 - d. Selected teams will be notified with event details and presentation requirements.
 - e. The top three pitches amongst the 10 teams with the highest scores will receive exciting prizes and certificates of recognition from PEER.
5. Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools such as ChatGPT:
 - a. Ideas and proposals generated from AI-based tools cannot be adopted and used for the proposal. Doing so will be considered plagiarism and will lead to disqualification.
 - b. AI-based tools cannot be recognized as co-participants in the PEER Pitches, 2023.
 - c. Using AI tools for improving proposal writing is allowed but must be properly acknowledged in the proposal and presentation.



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6. Code of Conduct:

- a. Participants are expected to be collaborative, recognize the diversity of experiences and opinions, and treat everyone with respect and consideration.
- b. Critiquing ideas is encouraged, but personal attacks or harassment of individuals is strictly unacceptable.
- c. Any act of harassment, intimidation, discrimination, threats, abuse, offensive or inappropriate remarks, gestures, or actions will not be tolerated.
- d. Discrimination based on gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, medical condition, religion, race, nationality, or any other characteristic is strictly prohibited.
- e. Code of conduct violations will result in disqualification and non-invitation from future PEER events and the stripping of any awards won.
- f. PEER reserves the right to report violations to appropriate authorities if necessary.

7. Violation of Rules:

- a. Violation of the rules at any stage will lead to disqualification.
- b. If an idea is found to be already established or actively pursued by the judges, the team will be disqualified, and participants will not be allowed to present at the PEER Annual Meeting, 2023.

8. Final Decisions:

- a. All decisions made by the PEER Student Committee are deemed final.