



# Altair Global Student Contest

(April 2023 – May 2024)

This Contest is sponsored by Altair Engineering Inc., located at 1820 E. Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48083, USA (“Altair”).

## **RULES AND REGISTRATION**

### **1. ELIGIBILITY**

The Altair Global Student Contest (“Contest”) is open globally to students attending high school, college or university who are eighteen (18) years or older at the time of entry. This Contest is void where prohibited by law (see Section 12). Any student who submits an Entry and is not a student at a high school, college, or university at the time of entry will be disqualified. You can enter the Contest as a single person or as a team (“Entrant”). Optionally, Entrants may have a mentor(s) supervise your work (e.g., talk to your mentor or teacher and let the Contest become part of your regular education).

### **2. CONTEST TERM**

The Contest will begin on 14 April 2023 and end on 31 May 2024. The Contest will be split into twelve (12) monthly submission periods, each with its own individual judging and prize awards. Each monthly submission must be submitted before 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on the last day of the month to be considered for that month. Entrants will submit their entries [here](#). At 12:00 am EST on the first calendar day of each month a new submission/judging period will commence. Entries will be considered for the month in which they are submitted. Entrants may submit up to one (1) Entry per month for a total of twelve (12) entries for the Contest term; however, Entrants are not required to submit each month. Entrants are permitted to choose which month(s), if any, they would like to submit an Entry. Entrants are prohibited from submitting the same Entry more than once and are required to submit substantively different Entries for each monthly submission. Any Entries that are submitted more than once will be disqualified and the Entrant will be prohibited from submitting any other Entries for the remainder of the Contest. Entries submitted prior to 12:00 am EST on 14 April 2023 or after 11:59 pm EST on 31 May 2024 will be disqualified.

### **3. REGISTRATION/CONTEST INFORMATION**

Registration for the Contest is free and will be part of the Entry submission process (“Registration”). Entrants will submit Entries and complete Registration at the contest landing page [linked here](#). If you are entering the Contest as a team, each team member is required to be listed during Registration. ENTRANTS ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY EXPENSES INCURRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST AND ARE NOT ENTITLED TO ANY COMPENSATION OR REIMBURSEMENT BY ALTAIR FOR ANY COSTS. All additional Contest information can be found on the Contest landing page.

### **4. ACCEPTANCE OF CONTEST RULES**

Participation in the Contest constitutes the Entrant’s full and unconditional agreement to and acceptance of these Contest rules. In order for an Entry to be eligible to win, the Entry must fulfil all Contest rules. Altair reserves the sole right to disqualify any Entry, at any time, for any violation of or lack of adherence to these Contest rules.

### **5. ENTRY INFORMATION AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

5.1 To submit an Entry to the Contest, Entrant must (i) successfully complete Registration and (ii) provide a submission per all requirements of the Contest rules (collectively “Entry”). Entrant’s use of Altair’s software is subject to and governed by Altair’s educational, student edition, or personal edition license agreement.

- 5.2 Entries must consist of the following:
- The Altair Inspire (STMOD) file that includes the optimization and any associated analyses (“Altair Inspire Model”).
  - A five (5) minute (maximum duration) video describing the design optimized, the improvement and the final performance of the design (“Process Video”).
  - Optionally, Entrants may also create and submit to YouTube a ninety (90) second (maximum duration) video explaining or demonstrating the work that was done in a creative way (“Optional Creative Presentation Video”).
- 5.3 Entries must be submitted to Altair using the Altair Contest form located on the Contest submission page [linked here](#). Each Entry must be submitted as a zip file. The title of each zip file must include the Entrant’s name (or if submitting as a team, at least one team member’s name), Contest zone (see section 7 below) and date. Entrants may only submit one Entry per month during the Contest term. Any Entry containing software viruses, Trojan horses, worms, time bombs, or other computer code designed to disrupt, damage, or limit the functioning of any software or hardware will be disqualified and legal action may be pursued against the Entrant.
- 5.4 By entering this Contest, the Entrant warrants that:
- The Entry is the Entrant’s original work.
  - To the best of the Entrant’s knowledge, the Entry is not and has not been in production or otherwise previously published or exhibited.
  - Neither the Entry nor its use infringes any intellectual property rights (such as a patent, a utility model, a design right, a trademark, a copyright, or a trade secret) of any other party.
  - Any submitted Entries will not be submitted to any non-Altair contests/competitions or made public by Entrant until after the results of the Contest are published.
- 5.5 All Entrants are required to promptly notify Altair about changes to their Registrations (e.g., address, email address, etc.).

## 6. JUDGING AND JUDGING CRITERIA

An international team of Altair experts will evaluate submitted Entries (the “Judges”). Judging is based on the criteria specified below (the “Judging Criteria”):

- Altair Inspire Model** must show:
  - an initial state and a final optimized condition
  - the degree of improvement of design
  - feasibility
  - innovation, and
  - analysis results

Extra credit will be awarded for using advanced features of Altair Inspire (i.e., Motion, Design Explorer, Geometry Creation or anything beyond the standard process of optimizing a part.)

- Process Video** (maximum duration of 5 minutes) must contain the following:
  - Detailed explanation of the process taken to optimize the part.
  - Why Entrant chose the part.
  - Outcomes and benefits.
  - Feasibility of outcome.

The Process Video will also be judged on quality and overall viewing enjoyment.

3. **Optional Creative Presentation Video** (maximum duration of 90 seconds) must contain:
  - a. Entrant's review of the Contest and the helpfulness of using Altair's Inspire.

The Optional Creative Presentation Video will be judged on the creativity and uniqueness of the content. Extra credit will be awarded to the Entrant who receives the highest number of views of their Creative Presentation Video on YouTube.

## 7. THE PRIZES

Monthly prizes will be announced no later than the last day of the month immediately following the month in which the Entry was submitted. The prizes outlined below are awarded per Entry, not per Entrant. Meaning, whether an Entry is submitted by an individual or a team, the prize amount does not change. Teams, if awarded a prize, will be responsible for naming an individual member to whom the prize will be delivered and then determining how to split the prize amongst the team. Subject to the terms of this Contest, the prizes are as follows:

### MONTHLY PRIZES:

Each of the following prizes will be awarded each month during the Contest term:

#### Americas Zone

1. Best Main Submission Prize: \$750 USD cash gift card (or equivalent as determined by Altair).
2. Best Creative Presentation Video Prize: \$200 USD cash gift card (or equivalent as determined by Altair).

#### EMEA Zone

1. Best Main Submission Prize: \$750 USD cash gift card (or equivalent as determined by Altair).
2. Best Creative Presentation Video Prize: \$200 USD cash gift card (or equivalent as determined by Altair).

#### APAC Zone

1. Best Main Submission Prize: \$750 USD cash gift card (or equivalent as determined by Altair).
2. Best Creative Presentation Video Prize: \$200 USD cash gift card (or equivalent as determined by Altair).

**Monthly Wild Card Drawing** – Additionally, each month Altair will randomly select one (1) Entrant from each Contest zone to win a \$100 USD gift card (or equivalent as determined by Altair) just for submitting an Entry that month.

### GLOBAL GRAND PRIZE:

In addition to the monthly prizes, at the end of the Contest, Judges will select one Entry that was submitted during the Contest term (from any Contest zone) to win the Global Grand Prize of \$7,500 USD. The winner of the Global Grand Prize will have submitted the best overall Entry during the Contest term.

Entrants will have thirty (30) days from the date of notification to claim their prize. If an Entrant does not claim their prize within this time period, a new winner will be selected.

NOTE: Except where prohibited, a winning Entrant may be required to complete and return a signed affidavit of eligibility or other documentation within seven (7) days of being notified by Altair of the award. If the winning Entrant fails to sign and return the affidavit or other documentation within the required time period, an alternate Entrant may be selected according to the Judging Criteria.

## 3. LICENSE AND RIGHTS GRANTED

Entrants will retain ownership of the files submitted with their Entry as set forth in section 5.2(b), including all intellectual property rights which may exist in the files, provided, however, that Altair shall retain all ownership of any Altair software included in the Entry or the files. Subject to the terms of this Contest, upon submission of an Entry, Entrant does hereby

grant to Altair a perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide, royalty-free, fully paid-up, transferable, sublicensable, non-exclusive license to the files, including, but not limited to, use, distribute, and otherwise exploit the files, in full or in part. Under this license, and among other things, Altair has the right to use the files, in full or in part, in marketing and training activities. This license includes, but is not limited to, the right to sublicense these same rights to all affiliates of Altair and resellers authorized by Altair. This license further includes, but is not limited to, to the rights to reproduce, encode, store, copy, transmit, publish, post, broadcast, display, and exhibit the files, in full or in part, in any media throughout the world, without limitation, and without additional review, compensation, or approval from the Entrant or any other party. Additionally, under this license, Entrant grants to Altair the right to use the name, likeness, biography and other information about the Entrant in connection with the Entry. ENTRANT FURTHER AGREES NOT TO INSTIGATE, SUPPORT, MAINTAIN, OR AUTHORIZE ANY ACTION, CLAIM, OR LAWSUIT AGAINST ALTAIR, ITS AFFILIATES, EMPLOYEES, BOARD MEMBERS OR AGENTS, OR ANY OTHER PERSON, ON THE GROUNDS THAT ALTAIR'S USE OF THE ENTRANT'S FILES AS SET FORTH IN THESE CONTEST RULES INFRINGES ANY OF ENTRANT'S RIGHTS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, COPYRIGHTS, PATENT RIGHTS, TRADEMARK RIGHTS, OR MORAL RIGHTS (DROIT MORAL). ENTRANT FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ALTAIR IS IN NO WAY OBLIGATED TO PROTECT ANY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS WHICH MAY EXIST IN THE FILES OR TO PUBLISH OR USE THE FILES IN ANY WAY OR EXERCISE ANY RIGHT OR LICENSE GRANTED HEREIN. It is the Entrant's sole responsibility to secure any intellectual property rights which may exist in the files, whether before or after it is submitted. Nothing herein shall constitute an employment, joint venture, or partnership relationship between the Entrant and Altair. In no way is an Entrant to be construed as the agent or to be acting as the agent of Altair. For avoidance of doubt, each Entrant that submits an Entry grants this license and the accompanying rights, as described herein, to Altair. Like the license, the accompanying rights granted to Altair are perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide, royalty-free, fully paid-up, transferable, sublicensable, and non-exclusive.

## **9. DISCLOSURE OF ENTRY**

Entrant submits an Entry at Entrant's own risk. By submitting an Entry, the Entrant's ideas, methods and materials may be made available to the public. BY SUBMITTING AN ENTRY, EACH ENTRANT FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ALTAIR AND ITS AFFILIATES, OR OTHER ENTRANTS, MAY HAVE CREATED ON THEIR OWN, OR MAY INDEPENDENTLY CREATE IN THE FUTURE, A DESIGN THAT MAY BE SIMILAR OR IDENTICAL TO THE ENTRANT'S ENTRY. THE ENTRANT HEREBY WAIVES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS HE/SHE MAY HAVE, AND/OR MAY HAVE IN THE FUTURE, THAT THE ENTRY ACCEPTED, REVIEWED AND/OR DISPLAYED AND DISTRIBUTED BY ALTAIR AND ITS AFFILIATES, OR SUBMITTED BY OTHER ENTRANTS, MAY BE SIMILAR TO HIS/HER/THEIR ENTRY. It is the Entrant's sole responsibility to ensure that no school or university-owned or third-party intellectual property is included in his/her/their Entry.

## **10. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

Altair reserves the sole right to modify, suspend, or terminate the Contest or Contest rules. In the event that the operation, security, or administration of the Contest is impaired in any way for any reason, including, but not limited to, fraud, virus, or other technical problem, Altair may, in its sole discretion:

- a. suspend the Contest to address the impairment and then resume the Contest in a manner that best conforms to the spirit of these Contest Rules; or
- b. award the prize according to the Judging Criteria from among the eligible Entries received up to the time of the impairment.

Altair reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any Entrant who provides false Registration information or that it finds to be tampering with the Entry process or the operation of the Contest or to be acting in violation of these Contest rules or in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner. Any attempt by any person to undermine the legitimate operation of the Contest may be in violation of criminal and civil law, and should such an attempt be made, Altair reserves the right to seek damages from any such person to the fullest extent permitted by law. Altair's failure to enforce any term of these Contest Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that term.

## **11. RELEASE AND LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY**

BY PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTEST, ENTRANT AGREES TO RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS ALTAIR AND ITS AFFILIATES, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS (THE "RELEASED PARTIES") FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION ARISING OUT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTEST OR RECEIPT OR USE OF ANY PRIZE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: (A) UNAUTHORIZED HUMAN INTERVENTION IN THE CONTEST; (B) TECHNICAL ERRORS RELATED TO COMPUTERS, SERVERS, PROVIDERS, OR TELEPHONE OR NETWORK LINES; (C) PRINTING ERRORS; (D) LOST, LATE, POSTAGE-DUE, MISDIRECTED, OR UNDELIVERABLE MAIL; (E) ERRORS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONTEST OR THE PROCESSING OF ENTRIES; (F) INJURY OR DAMAGE TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY WHICH MAY BE CAUSED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, FROM ENTRANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTEST OR RECEIPT OF ANY PRIZE; OR (G) LOSSES, DAMAGES, ACTIONS, AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES) FOR INFRINGEMENT OF ANY THIRD PARTY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS IN CONNECTION WITH AN ENTRY. THE ENTRANT FURTHER AGREES THAT IN ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, THE RELEASED PARTIES' LIABILITY WILL BE LIMITED TO THE COST OF ENTERING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTEST, AND IN NO EVENT SHALL THE RELEASED PARTIES BE LIABLE FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES. ENTRANTS WAIVE THE RIGHT TO CLAIM ANY DAMAGES WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PUNITIVE, CONSEQUENTIAL, DIRECT, OR INDIRECT DAMAGES.

## 12. GOVERNING LAW

THE CONTEST IS SUBJECT TO UNITED STATES LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND IS VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW. FOR AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, THIS CONTEST IS VOID TO ANYONE WHO IS: (1) LOCATED IN A COUNTRY SUBJECT TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS OR U.S. LAWS PROHIBITING THE TRANSFER OR DISCLOSURE OF DUAL-USE COMMERCIAL SOFTWARE; (2) SUBJECT TO U.S. ECONOMIC SANCTIONS PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY; AND/OR (3) LOCATED IN OR A RESIDENT OF THE CRIMEA REGION OF UKRAINE, CUBA, THE DONETSK PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC (DNR) REGION OF UKRAINE, IRAN, THE LUHANSK PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC (LNR) REGION OF UKRAINE, NORTH KOREA, OR SYRIA.

This Contest is being administered in the United States and shall only be construed and evaluated according to United States law. Except where prohibited, each Entrant agrees that any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of, or connected with the Contest or any prize awarded shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively by the U.S. Eastern District of Michigan or a state court of Michigan. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Contest rules, an Entrant's rights and obligations thereunder, or the rights and obligations of Altair in connection with the Contest, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Michigan, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules (whether of the State of Michigan or any other jurisdiction), which would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Michigan.

## 13. SEVERABILITY

If any term of these Contest rules shall be found to be void or contrary to law, such term shall be deemed to be severable from the other terms and provisions herein, and the remainder of these Contest rules shall remain in effect.

## 14. QUESTIONS

All questions can be submitted to the [Altair Community](#). Links to the community pages for support will be provided in the contest landing page [linked here](#).