

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The competition is organised by the British Council (henceforth called the Organisers), based at Suite 403, 203-233 New South Head Rd, Edgecliff, New South Wales, AUSTRALIA2027.
2. The aim of the national FameLab competition is to attract participants from the whole of Australia and identify the best emerging or early career talent in science communication.
3. Online registration for FameLab Australia 2015 will open AEST 9:00 Tuesday 27 January 2015 and close AEST 23:59 Friday 27 February 2015 . The Organisers have the right to extend or reduce the duration of the competition for a good reason or for force majeure.
4. Participants must be 18+ years old, citizens or permanent residents of Australia and pursuing studies or working in a scientific field. Eligible entrants may be Graduate students (both MSc or PhD), Postdoctoral fellows and early-career researchers within 5 years of receiving PhD or MSc degrees. International (non-Australian Citizen) scientists who are currently working and studying in Australia are welcome, though they must demonstrate a formal affiliation with an Australian institution. Science communication students and professionals, employees of the British Council and their next of kin are not eligible to enter.
5. Evidence must be shown that the research being presented by entrants has undergone at least two forms of relevant peer-review.
6. Entries will be shortlisted and State semi-finalists chosen by the Organisers. Successful entrants will be contacted by telephone and invited to attend a State Heat. Unsuccessful entrants will be contacted via email. No feedback will be given at this stage.
7. State Heats will be held in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and Fremantle on the following dates:

New South Wales Heat: 24 March 2015

Western Australian Heat: 9 April 2015

Victorian Heat: 16 April 2015

Queensland Heat: 21 April 2015

The dates of the State-heats are subject to change at the discretion of the organiser.

The Organisers will arrange transport to a judging venue should any semi-finalists reside in Tasmania, ACT, South Australia or Northern Territory. Entrants must attend the State Heats to be eligible to continue into the FameLab National Finals. Entrants must attend FameLab training sessions and will be expected to participate in associated networking events.

8. The winners of State Heats (National Finalists) will be informed via telephone after the State Heat events. Up to 2 National Finalists from each state heat will be chosen by a panel of judges from the science community and the Organisers. National Finalists will be required to attend training sessions and present in Fremantle, WA on the 12-13 May 2015 – these dates are subject to change. It may also be expected that participants are available for travel on 11 and 14 May 2015. Economy return flights from the Finalists' nearest capital city, 3 nights' accommodation and all meals will be organised by and paid for by the Organisers. National finalists may be required to share a hotel with other finalists.
9. National Finalists must attend FameLab training sessions on the 12-13 May 2015 and will be expected to participate in associated networking events
10. The FameLab National Final event will be held Wednesday 13 May 2015 at the Western Australian Maritime Museum in Fremantle. Finalists will perform their pitches, live, in front of an audience of general public and stakeholders.
11. The Winner of FameLab Australia 2015 will be determined by a panel of judges from the science and journalistic community and they will be announced at the National Final event. Decisions of the assessment panel are final. No correspondence will be entered into. If requested, feedback will be given to National Finalists in writing after the National Final.
12. The Winner of FameLab 2015 will compete in the FameLab International Grand Final, Cheltenham Science Festival, 2-7 June 2015. The Winner of the International Grand Final will be determined by a panel of judges from the science and journalistic community and will be announced at the International Grand Final event. Decisions of the assessment panel are final. No correspondence will be entered into.

13. The Winner of FameLab 2015 will receive the Prize, which includes:
- a) Return economy flights from Sydney to London with British Airways
 - b) Domestic transfers within Australia
 - c) Transport from London to Cheltenham, UK
 - d) 7 nights' accommodation at Cheltenham, UK
 - e) Entry to selected events at Cheltenham Science Festival, 2-7 June 2015 (events to be selected by the Organisers in consultation with the Winner)
 - f) A per diem payment of 35GBP per day for number of days in UK, excluding those spent in transit, paid in advance of departure
 - g) Comprehensive international travel insurance while in the UK

Not included:

- a) Securement of passport costs
- b) Ancillary costs such as personal items, phone and internet usage

14. Flights will be booked by the Organisers as follows:
- a) The flight is not redeemable for cash and not transferrable
 - b) Any changes made to the booking after the ticket has been issued will incur a service fee at the recipients' expense
 - c) The prize-winner must hold and carry a valid passport
 - d) Recipients will be carried pursuant to British Airways General conditions of Carriage
 - e) The flights are for a Sydney/Heathrow return Economy class airfare only. Requests for upgrades cannot be accommodated.
15. The Organisers and Partners are not liable for any loss, damage or injury whatsoever which is incurred or sustained by a recipient (including but not limited to indirect or consequential loss or loss arising from negligence) in the course of participating in or indirectly out of or in connection with FameLab (except for any liability which cannot be excluded by law).
16. Finalists will not withhold information that may impact on their ability to undertake the programme to the fullest of their ability including health, financial, and personal reasons.
17. The organisers are not responsible for problems uploading or downloading any nomination-related information from the website or for any other technical malfunctions of electronic equipment, on-line systems, servers, or providers or networks.
18. The Prize cannot be transferred to another person or exchanged for money.
19. FameLab State and National Finalists consent to appear in related promotional material and to have his/her name and photo or video used for the purposes of promotion by the Organisers, without receiving any remuneration or indemnity.
20. Participation in the competition presupposes and entails unreserved acceptance of all the terms and conditions presented herewith.
21. Participation in the competition presupposed and entails explicit and unconditional consent to the Organisers to keep personal data as valid, according to Law 2472/1997, Law 2774/1999 and the decisions/instructions of the Data Protection Authority. The data that the Organisers collect in the framework of this particular competition will be used exclusively for the needs of this competition, for statistical purposes, as well as for communication with the winner, unless stated otherwise during registration. Participants have the right to ask for a copy of the information the Organisers hold on him/her, and the right to object to, modify or delete this personal information, and have temporary judicial protection, according to the specific provisions of the relevant legislation.
22. The Organisers are not responsible for computer hardware or software failures, failure of any electronic entry to be received by the Organisers on account of technical problems, traffic, congestion on the internet or the website, or any other technical problems related to the website entries including telecommunication miscommunication or failure and failed, lost, delayed, incomplete, garbled or misdirected communications which may limit an entrants' ability to participate in this programme.