

Rules for the Telstra-TJA Christopher Newell Prize Competition

1. The competition is managed by TJA's Managing Editor, Prof Peter Gerrand, on behalf of the ACS-TSA (Telecommunications Society of Australia; a Special Interest Group of the Australian Computer Society)
2. The \$20,000 Prize for 2009/10 is sponsored by Telstra Corporation Ltd.
3. The Telstra-TJA Christopher Newell Prize will be awarded to the best, original paper offered to TJA (*Telecommunications Journal of Australia*) by a deadline of 15 January 2010 or thereafter set by the TJA Managing Editor in conjunction with the Judging Panel to allow sufficient time for publication of the best entries in the May issue of TJA.
4. The Judging Panel will be chaired by TJA's Managing Editor or his nominee, and will include at least three other members with expertise in broadband technologies and/or the application of communications technologies by or for people with disability. At least one member will be a person with disability.
5. **Conditions of entry:**
 - (1) Each paper submitted as an entry in this competition must describe original work carried out by the author(s), must not have been previously published in a refereed publication, and should not exceed 6000 words.
 - (2) Entries will be judged on the extent to which they demonstrate the tangible benefits that an innovative use of broadband or other telecommunications technology can deliver in assisting individuals with disabilities. For the purposes of the Competition, broadband will be defined as an always-on, low-latency network connection supporting data speeds in excess of 250 kbps over fixed or wireless networks. Disability is defined in accordance with the Federal *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (DDA).
 - (3) The paper(s) judged best overall will win the Telstra-TJA Christopher Newell Prize of AU\$20,000. The Judging Panel will reserve the right to split the \$20,000 prize money if two or more papers are found to be of equal merit, or to postpone awarding either prize to the following year if no paper is found to have sufficient merit this year.
 - (4) The Judging Panel reserves the right to reject any paper that it deems to be non-compliant with the rules of the Competition, in bad taste or otherwise inappropriate given the theme and objectives of the Competition. Any decisions made by the Judging Panel will be final and not subject to appeal.
 - (5) Prize winners are responsible for any tax liability that may be associated with the award of prize money.

(6) Any intellectual property vested in entries will remain the property of the contributor(s) submitting the entry. However, it is a condition of the Competition that the contributor(s) grant the Australian Computer Society (ACS), incorporating the activities of the Telecommunication Society of Australia (TSA), a non-exclusive licence to publish and distribute the paper in electronic, digital and print form worldwide, and an exclusive licence for 18 months to publish the paper in the *Telecommunications Journal of Australia* and/ or on the TSA or ACS web sites. A copy of the *TJA Contributors' Agreement* can be obtained from TJA's Managing Editor. Re-use of the contents of the paper for teaching and research purposes will be readily granted upon application to the Managing Editor, TJA.

(7) Entries should comprise the following elements:

- a title (maximum 10 words);
- a brief Abstract (maximum 100 words) that provides an overview of the entry; such Abstracts would be used in citations, and with links on a web-site to help interested parties identify entries that may be of particular interest;
- the body of the entry (maximum 6000 words) setting out more detailed explanations, supporting information, calculations and any other material pertinent to the entry, in a format complying with the *TJA Guide to Authors*. Contributors are advised to send an email to [TJA's Managing Editor \(pgerrand@gmail.com\)](mailto:pgerrand@gmail.com) in advance of writing their papers to receive a copy of the *TJA Guide to Authors* and the *TJA Contributor Agreement* by return email.
- A signed copy of the *TJA Contributor Agreement*.
- Where necessary or where enabling, entries may be accepted in alternative formats. Contributors should contact [TJA's Managing Editor \(pgerrand@gmail.com\)](mailto:pgerrand@gmail.com) in advance to discuss.

6. Close relatives of members of the Judging Panel and officials of the ACS-TSA are not eligible to enter the Competition.
7. A decision will be made and winners, if any, notified before the publication of the relevant issue of TJA in late 2009.
8. An Awards Ceremony will be held, co-ordinated in advance between Telstra, TJA and the Australian Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities (or his nominee), to award the Prize to the authors of the winning entries and publicise it worldwide. This Ceremony will be held at a mutually convenient date and venue between March and May 2010.