

IEEE Student Ethics Competition Competition Case and Analysis Format

Case Criteria

The competition case should meet the following criteria:

- Each case must contain multiple ethical questions that students can identify.
- The case should not depend on specialized technical knowledge to make a determination.
- The ethical issues should not be intentionally vague (i.e., the results of the analysis should not require significant assumptions).
- The anticipated analysis would not result in findings that all of the ethical questions have a negative or a positive result.
- The case must be fictitious. Although a case may draw inspiration from real-world situations, any case based on actual events is prohibited.

The recommended length of the case descriptions should not exceed one page. Also, the case must contain all needed information to make a determination, as no outside references are allowed in the competition.

Analysis Format

CASE FACTS: Restatement of relevant facts

QUESTIONS: Summary of ethical questions

REFERENCES: Relevant sections of the IEEE Code of Ethics

DISCUSSION: Analysis of case. Any assumptions or special perspectives must be explicitly stated

CONCLUSION: Position statement on each identified ethical question