INTERNATIONAL MACHINE LEARNING COMPETITION

Prizes & Awards

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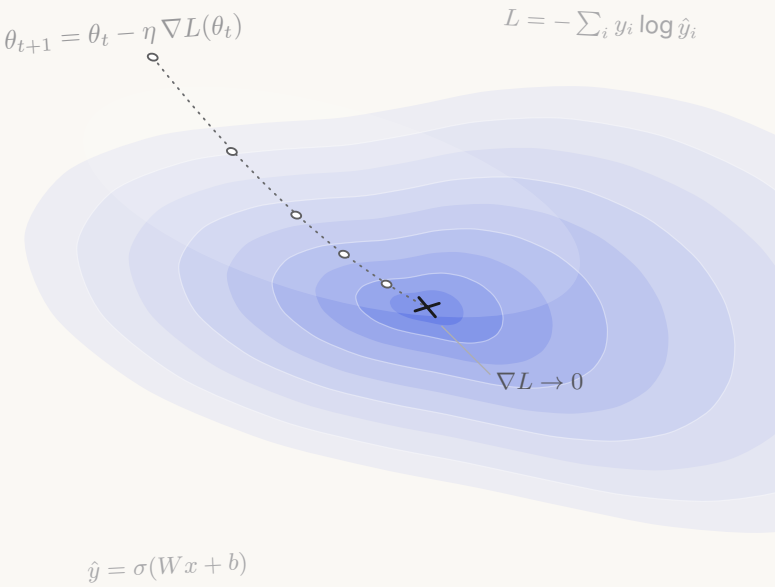

01 SECTION

Prizes and Awards

Every participant receives a certificate acknowledging their effort. In the Final Round, outstanding performance is recognized with Bronze, Silver, or Gold Honours. The top students in each age category are awarded the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Prizes, along with National Awards for the highest-scoring participants from each country:

Senior Category

1st Prize:	250 USD	Cash Prize, Special 1st Prize Certificate
2nd Prize:	175 USD	Cash Prize, Special 2nd Prize Certificate
3rd Prize:	125 USD	Cash Prize, Special 3rd Prize Certificate

Youth Category

1st Prize:	200 USD	Cash Prize, Special 1st Prize Certificate
2nd Prize:	150 USD	Cash Prize, Special 2nd Prize Certificate
3rd Prize:	100 USD	Cash Prize, Special 3rd Prize Certificate

Junior Category

1st Prize:	175 USD	Cash Prize, Special 1st Prize Certificate
2nd Prize:	125 USD	Cash Prize, Special 2nd Prize Certificate
3rd Prize:	100 USD	Cash Prize, Special 3rd Prize Certificate

We further honour the following achievements, which we will detail in the subsequent sections:

National Awards:	Special National Award Certificate
All Finalists:	Participation Certificate with Bronze, Silver, or Gold Honour
All Participants:	Official Participation Certificate

Who will receive National Awards?

Reflecting IMLC's global nature, we celebrate the top three participants from each nation who achieve at least 50% of the total points in the Final Round. These students receive a National Award certificate, and a list of top national performers will be published on our website.

Awards for Ambassadors

Each year, we recognize the dedication and impact of our most active ambassadors with special awards. Based on the number of students encouraged, documented activities, and community engagement, the following awards are presented:

Ambassador Award for Most Overall Participants

1 Award

Awarded to the ambassador who successfully encouraged the highest number of students to join IMLC.

Ambassador Award for Most Finalists

1 Award

Awarded to the ambassador whose guidance helped the most students reach the Final Round.

Ambassador Award for Excellent Encouragement

Multiple Awards

Presented to ambassadors demonstrating exceptional activity in their local communities, organizing impactful events to inspire students in machine learning, or providing significant support to IMLC participants.

Awards for Schools

Recognizing the vital role of educators and institutions in fostering talent in machine learning, IMLC presents three types of school awards (not associated with cash prizes) to commend their efforts:

School Award for Most Participants

1 Award

Awarded to the school with the highest number of registered participants in the Qualification Round.

School Award for Most Finalists

1 Award

Awarded to the school with the most participants qualifying for the Final Round.

School Awards for Excellence

Multiple Awards

Presented to schools demonstrating strong overall student performance, fostering a supportive environment for participants, or showing exceptional commitment to promoting machine learning education through IMLC.

How do schools participate to win these awards?

Schools automatically participate when students register using the school's name. Please ensure all students enter the school name accurately and consistently. We also encourage teachers from participating schools to register for our educator platform.

Further Achievements

Engaging in international competitions like IMLC significantly contributes to personal growth and is a valuable addition to your academic profile. Participating offers a unique chance to sharpen your problem-solving skills, gain exposure to real-world machine learning challenges, and connect with peers who share your passion for machine learning.

Global Network: Successful participants and winners join the international IMLC network: a community of bright, motivated students from across the globe. This network provides

opportunities for collaboration, inspiration, and lasting connections. Access details are shared with qualifying participants.

Opportunities (e.g., Internships, Scholarships): Our team actively curates and shares information about relevant international and regional opportunities, including internships, scholarships, research programs, academic events, and other competitions. This information is distributed directly to qualified participants and through the alumni platform.

Regional Meetups & Events: The IMLC team and local ambassadors sometimes organize meetups, workshops, or study sessions in various regions. All participants are welcome to join these events to connect with fellow machine learning enthusiasts and learn together.

Do I receive a hard copy of the certificate(s)?

Hard copies of certificates will be mailed to all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Prize winners. All other participants, including finalists receiving Honours, will receive high-quality digital certificates (PDF) featuring permanent verification IDs accessible via: https://imlco.org/verify