



They did what? short video competition

Help us uncover some incredible STEM stories! We want to hear about the unsung STEM stars doing great things in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). In our last competition we heard about e-waste warrior Annette Brodie, pioneering physicist Joan Freeman and Gamilaraay astronomer Karlie Noon. We can't wait to hear more inspiring STEM stories.

We especially love hearing stories from those who are under-represented in STEM success narratives. Think about the stories *you* think we all need to hear! They don't need to come from people with big public profiles or fancy-sounding jobs – we want to celebrate the incredible STEM work happening every day, everywhere, by all kinds of people.

Create a 3-minute video about the STEM achievements of an unsung Australian STEM star for the chance to win great prizes and have your video featured on [The GiST website](#).

Students in Foundation to Year 4 can enter as a class and students in Years 5 to 10 can enter either as individuals or as a team or class. You don't need any fancy equipment, just a creative vision and a great story. The competition is open to all students, from all Australian schools. Entries need to be submitted by a teacher, parent or carer, aged 18 or older.

Join us for a [webinar](#) on 4 September 2025 where we will cover everything you need to know about the competition.

Entries close on 27 November 2025 with winners to be announced on 8 December 2025.

Entry requirements

1. Videos must focus on the STEM achievements of an Australian.
2. Videos must be no longer than 3 minutes, no larger than 600 MB and submitted as MP4 files.
3. Foundation to Year 4 entries must be submitted as a class.
4. Year 5 to Year 10 submissions can be created by one student, or by a team of students up to a whole school class (25 students).
5. All video content must be students' own original work, with third-party content allowed if relevant, properly credited and used in line with copyright guidelines.
6. All entries must comply with the [terms and conditions](#) and entrants must ensure that:
 - a. any third-party material (for example, images, video, music) included in film is either copyright free or is included with the appropriate permission and/or approval. Any film that does not comply with copyright will not be considered.
 - b. appropriate permissions/approvals have been obtained to include images, audio or video of people other than themselves.
 - c. parental consent has been obtained for all participating children/students.
 - d. students' privacy is protected if they choose to appear in the video (for example, students featured in the video should not be easily identified by school uniform, name or location)
7. Schools can submit multiple entries.

Judging criteria

Videos will be assessed according to the following criteria.

- Compelling content
- Creative storytelling
- Well researched
- Story structure and coherence
- Spotighting an unsung STEM star
- Entertainment value
- Overall video quality
- Adheres to the Terms and Conditions of entry



Award categories and prizes

There will be three prize-winners for each of the four categories. Prize-winners will receive:

Foundation – Year 4 (class/group entries only): \$300 Visa Gift Card to the winning entry and 2 x \$100 Visa Gift Card for runner-up prizes. (Note: All prizes in the Foundation to Year 4 category will be awarded to the school of the winning entry.)

Year 5 – Year 6: \$300 Visa Gift Card for the winner and 2 x \$100 Visa Gift Card for runner-up prize-winners.

Year 7 – Year 8: \$300 Visa Gift Card for the winner and 2 x \$100 Visa Gift Card for runner-up prize-winners.

Year 9 – Year 10: \$300 Visa Gift Card for the winner and 2 x \$100 Visa Gift Card for runner-up prize-winners.

For information on how to enter, head to the [They did what?](#) page on our website.