

"Singapore's AI-Driven Economic Future: How can artificial intelligence reshape our industries, workforce, and competitive advantage while ensuring inclusive growth and managing disruption?"

1. MAS–ESS Essay Competition: Terms and Conditions

The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), in collaboration with the Economic Society of Singapore (ESS), invites eligible participants to take part in the MAS–ESS Essay Competition. The competition seeks to encourage informed discussion and original thinking on issues relevant to Singapore’s future economic development.

2. Eligibility

The competition is open to students from Polytechnics, Centralised Institutes, International Schools, and Junior Colleges, full-time National Servicemen who have completed their pre-university education and are serving during the competition period and all Singaporean pre-university students studying abroad. Submissions on behalf of institutions or organisations are not permitted. Members of the judging committee and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate.

3. Awards

The following cash prizes will be awarded:

- **First Prize:** S\$3,000
- **Second Prize:** S\$2,000
- **Third Prize:** S\$1,000

The Judging Committee reserves the right not to award any or all prizes if submissions do not meet the required standard.

4. Judging

Essays will be evaluated by a panel comprising representatives from the ESS, financial sector, private sector, and relevant government ministries and agencies. Only shortlisted participants will be contacted. The top 4 finalists will be invited to present their essays, and the final three winners will be determined based on both the written submission and presentation.

5. Topic and Scope

The essay topic for this year is:

“Singapore’s AI-Driven Economic Future: How can artificial intelligence reshape our industries, workforce, and competitive advantage while ensuring inclusive growth and managing disruption?”

Participants are encouraged to present well-researched, original analyses that are accessible to a general audience. Essays should not be written in an academic journal style. Charts and tables may be included, but the use of equations or technical derivations should be avoided.

6. Originality and Plagiarism

All submissions must be original. Essays containing plagiarism will be disqualified. While reference to existing work is allowed, submissions must differ materially in analysis, argument, perspective, or conclusions. A bibliography acknowledging all sources is required.

7. Submission Requirements

Each entry must include:

1. A completed and signed entry form (one form only for joint authorship);
2. A **summary of no more than 300 words** highlighting the key arguments;
3. A **main essay of no more than 2,000 words** (strictly enforced), excluding charts, tables, footnotes, references, and appendices.

The submission format must follow this order:

- I. Cover Page (Essay Title, Author(s), School)
- II. Summary
- III. Contents
- IV. Main Essay

Essays must be written in English, typed double-spaced, and submitted in **Word or PDF format only**. JPEG files will not be accepted.

8. Submission Method

All entries must be submitted electronically to **esocsing@gmail.com**. Receipt of submissions will be acknowledged by email.

9. Copyright and Publication

By submitting an entry, participants grant the Economic Society of Singapore a non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to publish the essay, in whole or in part, in any medium and for any purpose. The ESS retains sole copyright over all submissions.

10. Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony will be held in conjunction with the ESS Annual Dinner on **27 August 2026** at the Orchard Hotel. All prize-winning essays will be published on the ESS website.

11. Enquiries

For further information or clarification, please contact the MAS–ESS Essay Competition Coordinator at **esocsing@gmail.com**.