AI TENNESSEE CHALLENGE
MEDIA CONSENT FORM AND RELEASE FOR MINOR CHILDREN

Co-hosted by AI Tennessee and the ADEPT Center at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Child's full name: _____

School or organization: _____

Project or team name: _____

Adult sponsor's name: _____

Thank you for letting your child take part in the AI Tennessee Challenge! Each team shares a project with volunteer judges: a written narrative, a set of slides, and a video. The video may show or include your child. This form gives us your permission to use your child's project in the two ways below, and no others.

1. Judging. We share your child's project with the judges who will score it. Judges see projects only through a private folder that is not open to the public, and they are asked not to download or share them.

2. Showcase. If your child's team is invited to the virtual celebration, we may show their project to the people attending. We may also announce winning teams by team name and school.

What we will not do. We will not use your child's name, image, voice, or video on social media, in news releases, or in other promotions without asking you first, in a separate request.

You can change your mind at any time by emailing **aitnchallenge@utk.edu**. We will stop using your child's project from then on, but we cannot take back anything already shown to judges or at the celebration.

Please check the box and sign below. If possible, both parents and guardians can sign.

☐ **I give permission.** I am the parent or guardian of the child named above, I am at least 18 years old, and I agree to the uses described on this form.

Parent/Guardian 1 Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian 1 Printed Name	Primary Phone Number
Parent/Guardian 2 Signature (if available)	Date
Parent/Guardian 2 Printed Name	Primary Phone Number

Questions? Email aitnchallenge@utk.edu

***Sponsors**: complete one form per student, collect the signature, and upload a PDF or JPEG of the signed form with your submission. Please make sure the signature and the child's full name are easy to read.*

Please share one (1) copy with each student

University of Tennessee Knoxville
IRB ID: STUDY00001743

Research Study: How Can AI Help Our Communities?

Purpose: We invite AI Tennessee Challenge participants to join a study exploring students' ideas for using AI to address problems important to them and their communities.

Participation involves allowing researchers to analyze your submitted project materials.

No additional activities are required.

Participation is voluntary and will **not** affect Challenge eligibility, judging, or awards.

Interested? Review the research information and permission/assent forms provided in the submission package

Questions? Contact Zhen Xu at **zxu50@utk.edu**.
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Parental Permission for Research Participation of a Minor

Research Study Title: Explore Students' Vision of AI's Societal Impact

Researcher(s): Dr. Zhen Xu, Dr. Emily Holts, Dr. Joshua M. Rosenberg & Jessica Eshbaugh, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Why is my child being asked to be in this research study?

We are asking your child to be in this research study because they are submitting a project to the AI Tennessee Challenge.

What is this research study about?

The purpose of the research study is exploring how students think artificial intelligence (AI) can address problems important to them and their communities.

Who is conducting this research study?

We are giving you the information below so you can decide if this relationship will affect your decision to be in this study:

- The researchers are also members of the AI Tennessee Challenge organizing team. Research participation is separate from challenge participation.
- To reduce potential conflicts of interest, the researchers will coordinate challenge activities but will not serve as judges. Your decision will not affect your child's challenge eligibility, judging, or awards.
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How long will my child be in the research study?

We will use the project materials submitted for this challenge once submissions close. Your child will not spend extra time on research activities or attend study visits.

What will happen if I say "Yes, I want my child to be in this research study"?

You and your child may choose separately whether to allow research use of (1) the team's submitted video and (2) its other materials (i.e., the project narrative and slides.) We will use each type of material only with parental permission and student agreement from every team member. If any student declines the study entirely, none of the team's materials will be used for research.

What happens if I say "No, I do not want my child to be in this research study"?

We will not analyze the submission of your child's team. Your decision won't affect your child's relationship with the researchers or the University of Tennessee. It will not affect challenge eligibility, judging, or awards. Your child may also say no, even if you give permission

What happens if I say "Yes" but change my mind later?

Even if you decide to allow your child to be in the study now, you can change your mind and stop at any time. Contact Zhen Xu at zxu50@utk.edu. We will stop using your child's materials and remove linked research data where possible. Withdrawal from research does NOT remove the original challenge submission from challenge records.

Are there any possible risks to my child?

Someone could accidentally see your child's information, including names, school names, images, or voices. Your child may feel pressure to join because the forms come through a mentor. Joining is optional. We protect research files as described below.

Are there any benefits to being in this research study?

We do not expect your child to benefit from being in this study. What we learn may help educators improve future AI learning opportunities.

Who can see or use the information collected for this research study?

We will protect the confidentiality of your information by storing research files in a private UTK OneDrive folder accessible only to authorized research personnel, transcribing videos Whisper on a local computer without internet access, and removing identifying details from text and transcripts. If information from this study is published or presented at scientific meetings, your name and other personal information will not be used. Please note, authorized challenge organizers, including AI Tennessee personnel, will retain access to original submissions for challenge administration regardless of research participation.

We will make every effort to prevent anyone who is not on the research team from knowing that you gave us information or what information came from you. Although it is unlikely, there are times when others may need to see the information we collect about you. These include:

- People at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville who oversee research to make sure it is conducted properly.
- Government agencies (such as the Office for Human Research Protections in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services), and others responsible for watching over the safety, effectiveness, and conduct of the research.
- If a law or court requires us to share the information, we would have to follow that law or final court ruling.

What will happen to my child's information after this study is over?

Research files and signed permission and assent forms will be kept for three years after the study ends and then deleted. We will not use your child's research data for unrelated future studies or share it with researchers outside this study team. This research retention plan does not govern the original challenge records.We will not share your child's research data with other researchers.

Will my child be paid for being in this research study?

Your child will not be paid for being in this study. There are no extra costs for research participation.

Who can answer my questions about this research study?

If you have questions or concerns about this study, or have experienced a research related problem or injury, contact the Zhen Xu at zxu50@utk.edu.
For questions or concerns about your rights or to speak with someone other than the research team about the study, please contact:
Institutional Review Board
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Email: **utkirb@utk.edu**

STATEMENT OF PERMISSION

I have read this form and the research study has been explained to me. I have been given the chance to ask questions and my questions have been answered. If I have more questions, I have been told who to contact.
By signing this document, I am giving permission for my child to be in this study. I will receive a copy of this document after I sign it.

Child's Name (printed) _____

Parent's Name (printed) _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Permission for use of images
I agree that photographs/videos in my child's submission to the AI TN Challenge may be analyzed for research purposes.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

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STUDENT ASSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

Explore Students' Vision of AI's Societal Impact

1. My name is Zhen Xu. I am a postdoc researcher at University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
2. We are asking you to take part in a research study because we are trying to learn more about what you think AI can do for our community.
3. If you agree to be in this study, we will study the project narrative, slides, and video your team submits to the AI Tennessee Challenge. You will not need to do any extra activities.
4. Someone could accidentally see your personal information. We will keep research files secure and remove identifying details from written materials. We will not use your name, face, or voice in research reports or presentations.
5. You may not benefit directly. What we learn may help improve future AI learning activities for students.
6. Please talk this over with your parents before you decide whether or not to participate. We will also ask your parents to give their permission for you to take part in this study. But even if your parents say "yes" you can still decide not to do this.
7. If you don't want to be in this study, you don't have to participate. Remember, being in this study is up to you and no one will be upset if you don't want to participate or even if you change your mind later and want to stop.
8. You can ask any questions that you have about the study. If you have a question later that you didn't think of now, you can call me at 352-281-8916 or email me at zxu50@utk.edu
9. Signing your name below means that you agree to be in this study. You and your parents will be given a copy of this form after you have signed it.

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   Name Date

10. Signing your name below means that you agree us to analyze your video submission for research.

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    Name Date