



Welcome to Powua Prizes, the prizes offered by Powua to encourage research and free dissemination of information on High Performance Computing technologies.

The purpose of these prizes is to enable Powua users (those who already are and those who will be in future) to obtain concrete support for their ideas. This is why we offer 10% of our hours as prizes each month, independently of how many hours we'll have in future. The hours are the property of the winners and you can use them how you want (including the right to sell them to others).

An important and dutiful promise: Powua wants in no way to steal ideas or work and this is why each project sent following the format contained in the second page of this document will be published in real time on www.powua.com so that everyone can see what we receive the moment we receive it. Obviously we invite you to send materials that legitimately belong to you. Any violation of international laws (and report of possible of intellectual property theft victims) will require the immediate suspension of the account connected to the sent materials and removal from the public space, even just as a precaution.

You can enter each of the four categories available at the moment:

1) Media – a prize for anyone who has produced an intellectual work based on the use of a Super Computer or suitable for being improved or innovated using Powua. Examples of this are 3D animations, digital image processing and generative art (but also many other activities).

2) Idea – a prize for anyone who has an innovative idea on the use of a Super Computer. It doesn't matter whether it is technically realizable or whether you are able to realize it at the moment, the important thing is that you indicate a new direction for using a Super Computer, in a way never before imagined.

3) Plugin – the Powua architecture has been thought out in modular fashion and it is possible to write plugins to install applications that we cannot distribute, but that on the other hand our users can use in all tranquillity (for example, previously purchased commercial software) or plugins that facilitate the use of a Super Computer for less expert users, for example, by automating or providing with a graphical interface the operations that can be carried out through advanced programming (for example, a plugin for converting thousands of multimedia files en mass with distribution of the load over several computers in parallel).

4) Story – this is a special prize, dedicated to those who have a story to tell about using a Super Computer. A story that may give an example or be of inspiration to other people so that they can meet their needs and find a new way of carrying out their work (for example, a researcher could explain how s/he succeeded in completing his/her research more quickly or with fewer problems using a Super Computer, and so encourage other people to follow suit).

It is very important that you understand that the purpose of this initiative is to encourage research dissemination and information sharing and this is why projects sent together with a clear and comprehensible description will be assessed more positively. In many cases, rather than an excellent but poorly documented project we will prefer a project that is less interesting but documented with more care, where the wish to communicate openly is perceived.

Now it's your turn, we're waiting for you with your creations.

The Powua Team

To take part please post your project (including your materials) at the Powua PRIZES Forum.

Example of how to fill in the TEMPLATE:

First name: John

Last name: Doe

Position: General Medicine student

Project title: Research for the treatment of colds and headaches

Brief description: Over the last few years I have suffered several bad colds and headaches (probably connected) and now after months of study and experimentation I have found a cure based mainly on orange juice, transcendental meditation and absolute rest. I would like to use my free hours on Powua, using a piece of software I invented, to experiment more with the combination of various citrus fruits, which I consider more potent than the individual orange, grapefruit or mandarin taken separately.