RoboSoft X Logo Competition

Design brief and rules

WHAT IS ROBOSOFT X

RoboSoft X (X as in the Roman numeral ten) celebrates ten editions of RoboSoft, the IEEE-RAS International Conference on Soft Robotics, from Livorno 2018 to Brisbane 2027, with a commemorative video, anniversary awards, shared memories and a time capsule to be opened at the 20th edition. This competition will choose its logo, to be used at RoboSoft 2027 and beyond.

WHAT TO SUBMIT

Each design is one idea in two versions: the logo on its own, and the same logo with the wording "RoboSoft X". Both versions are submitted together in one form.

Submit: online form at tally.so/r/WJ29YP, by 30 November 2026, 23:59 AoE. The form also contains these rules.

Item	What it is	Files
1. Logo *required, 1:1*	The graphic mark on its own, with no text, in a square format. Used where space is small: T-shirt sleeves, badges, stickers, social media avatars.	Vector file: SVG, PDF, AI or EPS. PNG with transparent background, 2000×2000 px.
2. Logo with wording *required, 4:3 or 3:4*	The same logo combined with the wording "RoboSoft X". Horizontal layout in **4:3** or stacked layout in **3:4**: choose one, or submit both. Used on T-shirts and gadgets, in the anniversary video, on awards, slides and websites.	Vector file: SVG, PDF, AI or EPS. PNG with transparent background, 2400×1800 px (4:3) or 1800×2400 px (3:4).
3. Concept *required*	A short description of the idea behind the design.	Max. 100 words, in the online form.

DESIGN GUIDELINES

- **Any idea welcome:** it does not have to be an X.
- **Colour versions:** for both the logo and the logo with wording, provide a full-colour version (max. 3 colours) and single-colour versions in black and in white.
- **Wording:** write "RoboSoft X" exactly as spelled here. The "X" may be rendered graphically (e.g. combined with "10"). Optional supporting text, e.g. "2018–2027" or "Ten editions of RoboSoft".
- **Stand-alone identity:** the logo will be used at RoboSoft 2027 and beyond, so it must not reuse the RoboSoft 2027 logo or its platypus: RoboSoft X needs its own mark. Do not include IEEE or RAS logos: the organisers will add them where needed.
- **Versatility:** it must work on light and dark backgrounds, on fabric and on screen, and remain recognisable at small sizes. Avoid photographs, fine gradients and very thin lines.
- **Fonts:** use fonts that are free for commercial use, or convert text to outlines.
- **Anonymous review:** do not put your name in the design files; names are given only in the form.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

- Everyone is welcome: students, researchers, designers and anyone who loves soft robotics, individually or in pairs. No design degree needed.
- **Up to two designs per person**, whether submitted alone or as part of a pair. Each design consists of the logo and the logo with wording, submitted together in one form.
- Members of the RoboSoft X Celebration Committee cannot take part.

SELECTION, REFINEMENT AND PRIZES

- **Selection:** the Committee will shortlist three to five designs, judged on relevance to soft robotics and to the anniversary, originality, clarity, versatility and suitability for printing. The shortlist goes to an online community vote; the Committee

then selects the top three entries, taking the vote into account. Committee members will not evaluate designs from their own research groups.

- **Refinement for production:** the first-place design may be refined by a professional designer (colours, proportions, line weights, final files). The authors will be consulted, will approve the final version and will always be credited.
- **Prizes:** the top three entries receive travel support to attend RoboSoft 2027 in Brisbane: USD 3,000 for first place, USD 2,000 for second place and USD 1,000 for third place. The prizes are travel support, not cash prizes. Registration is not included. Each prize is awarded to the entry; for entries submitted by a pair, the two team members decide how to share it. The first-place logo becomes the official RoboSoft X logo and will appear on the conference T-shirts and on all RoboSoft X merchandise, with the designers credited. The authors of the three winning entries will receive recognition and a certificate on stage at the conference. Shortlisted designs will be showcased online and at the conference.

TIMELINE

30 November 2026, 23:59 AoE	Submission deadline
3 – 9 December 2026	Shortlist announced and online community vote
11 December 2026	Winners announced
April 2027	Award at RoboSoft 2027, Brisbane

ORIGINALITY AND USE OF THE DESIGN

- Designs must be original and free of third-party rights. Any use of generative AI tools must be declared in the form.
- By submitting, participants grant IEEE RAS and the RoboSoft organisers a free, worldwide and perpetual right to use, reproduce and adapt the three winning designs, including the refinement for production of the first-place design, for RoboSoft-related purposes.

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