

CONTEST RULES

« Win Free DNA Contest »

This contest, organized by DNA Script SAS, with a shared capital of 81.206,50 euros, whose registered office is located at IMMEUBLE OKABE, 67 AVENUE DE FONTAINEBLEAU, 94270 LE KREMLIN-BICETRE and registered under number 801172834 in the Créteil Trade and Companies Register, represented by any duly authorized person, is intended to enable all entrants to try to win a free DNA sequence synthesis.

Article 1 – The entrants

This contest is exclusively reserved to legal entities. Only entities that are legally constituted, have legal personality and are duly registered with the relevant registry are eligible to participate in this contest.

Each entrant must provide accurate and verifiable information when registering. Any attempt to fraud, falsification or manipulation of data will result in immediate disqualification from the contest.

The organizer reserves the right to request any supporting documents necessary to establish that the participant meets the conditions set out in this article. Any participant who refuses to provide the requested documentation will be deemed to have renounced their participation and therefore, where applicable, their prize, the organizing company shall not be held liable in such cases.

Participation is limited to one per individual for the entire duration of the game (same SIREN number or equivalent).

The contest is open only to entities in the following territories: US, UK, Canada, Europe (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Italy).

Only professional e-mail addresses are eligible for this contest.

Article 2 – Date of operation

The organizer is hosting a contest with no obligation to buy entitled “Win Free DNA Contest”. This contest will run from Monday, July 7th 2025 at 9:00am CET until Friday, August 29th 2025, 11:59pm CET.

Article 3 – Terms of participation

The contest is accessible 24 hours a day on the Internet.

To participate, the entrant must visit DNA Script’s website at [\[LINK\]](#) and complete the contest entry form. The entrant may access these official contest rules on the website at [\[LINK\]](#).

Entrants are deemed to be aware of the risks and dangers associated with the use of the Internet. The organizer disclaims all liability in the event of connection issues, data loss, hacking, computer viruses, crashes, or any other inconvenience related to the use of the Internet.

The organizer disclaims all liability in the event that the contact details provided by the entrant are incorrect or inaccurate.

Any non-compliant, improperly completed, incomplete or erroneous entry will be invalidated by the organizer. Any attempt at fraud, cheating, or circumventing these rules will result in the disqualification of the offending participant.

The prize can only be awarded to a valid entry.

The winner may only receive one prize for the entire duration of the contest.

By entering into the present contest, each participant shall comply with the present competition rules and ensures and warrants that it is duly authorized to enter the present contest in full compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Article 4 – The prize

This contest includes as prizes:

- 1st prize: 1 single-stranded DNA (ssDNA) sequence synthesis services, valued at €1,000, (any sequence up to 500nt), plus 1 Fortnum & Mason gourmet basket,” The Piccadilly Hamper” type, valued at €155
- 2nd prize: 1 single-stranded DNA (ssDNA) sequence synthesis services, valued at €1,000, (any sequence up to 500nt)

Article 5 – Selection of winners

1. **Finalist Selection (Stage 1):** Following the contest closing date August 29th, 2025, 11:59pm CET, all eligible entries will be reviewed by a panel selected by DNA Script ("Sponsor"). Based on the applicant's description of the intended use for the synthesized DNA provided in the entry form, approximately five (5) potential finalists will be selected. The selection of potential finalists will be based on the Sponsor's evaluation, in its sole discretion, according to the following criteria:
 - a. **Scientific Merit & Innovation:** The significance, novelty, and clarity of the proposed research question or application.
 - b. **Alignment with Sponsor's Technology:** The extent to which the proposed project leverages or benefits from Enzymatic DNA Synthesis (EDS), particularly for synthesizing long or complex sequences.
 - c. **Potential for Positive Societal Impact:** The likelihood that the proposed research contributes positively to science, health, the environment, or society.
 - d. **Experimental Plan & Feasibility:** The clarity and apparent feasibility of the plan to utilize the synthesized DNA.
 - e. **Biosecurity & Ethical Considerations:** Initial assessment confirming the proposed use aligns with ethical standards and does not present immediate biosecurity concerns based on the description provided.

2. Winner Selection (Stage 2):

- a. The approximately five (5) selected potential finalists will be notified via email on or around September 3rd, 2025.
 - b. Potential finalists will be required to provide the specific DNA sequence(s) they wish to have synthesized by DNA Script within 7 days of notification. Failure to provide the sequence(s) within the specified timeframe may result in disqualification.
 - c. Upon receipt, the submitted DNA sequence(s) and the associated project description will undergo a mandatory screening process by the Sponsor, which includes:
 - i. **Technical Feasibility Assessment:** Evaluation of the sequence(s) against DNA Script's internal checks for synthesizability using its EDS platform. Sequences deemed non-synthesizable in the Sponsor's sole determination will disqualify the finalist.
 - ii. **Biosecurity and Compliance Screening:** Detailed screening of the potential finalists, the specific sequence(s) and intended use for compliance with DNA Script's biosecurity policies, ethical standards, and applicable laws and regulations. Proposals involving sequences or applications that raise biosecurity or ethical concerns, in the Sponsor's sole determination, will disqualify the finalist.
 - d. From the finalists who submit sequences that pass both the Technical Feasibility Assessment and the Biosecurity and Compliance Screening, two (2) winners will be selected. The final selection will be based on a re-evaluation of the criteria listed in Stage 1, considered in conjunction with the results of the sequence screening process.
 - e. The Sponsor reserves the right to select fewer than five finalists or fewer than two winners if, in its sole discretion, it does not receive a sufficient number of eligible and qualified entries or finalist submissions meeting the required standards.
3. **Decisions Final:** All decisions made by the Sponsor regarding eligibility, finalist selection, sequence screening, and winner selection are final and binding in all respects.

Winners will be notified by email.

Article 6 – Confidentiality and Intellectual Property

The confidentiality obligations set forth in this section shall apply to the winners and DNA Script for a period of five (5) years following the end of the contest.

6.1 - Confidential information and intellectual property of DNA Script

Participants may have received or may receive from DNA Script information, including, but not limited to, trade secrets, correspondence, intellectual property, business information, specifications, samples, sequences, quality control results, models, designs, plans, drawings,

documents, data, business operations, customer lists, prices, discounts, rebates, rebates, whether disclosed orally or disclosed or accessible in written, electronic or other form or media, relating to DNA Script or its products or services that are not known to the general public or are not publicly available shall be considered confidential and are strictly confidential regardless of whether they are marked, designated or otherwise identified as “confidential.”

All elements of the contest, including the registration form, communication materials, and the list of participants, remain the exclusive property of the organizer.

6.2 – Confidential information and intellectual property of participants

The sequences submitted by participants via the contest registration form are considered strictly confidential by DNA Script, which will treat them with the same level of protection as its own confidential information. They will only be used by the organizer for the purposes of the contest and will not be disseminated or commercially exploited without the prior written consent of the participant. The intellectual property rights relating to the sequences communicated remain the sole property of the participant, without transfer or assignment to the contest organizer.

6.3 - Publicity

Winners may not issue any press release or make any public statement regarding the performance of the prize (including the results of any comparison of the prize with other products or services), or use DNA Script's name, trademarks, or logos in any manner (including in promotional materials), or represent or embellish the relationship between the winner and DNA Script in any manner without DNA Script's prior written consent.

Article 7 – Implementation and use of the prize

Once the winners have been announced and contacted by the organizing company, the organizing company reserves the right to offer an alternative in the event that the winner's prize is technically unfeasible. The prize is neither exchangeable nor refundable.

The organizing company accepts no responsibility for any misuse of the prize or for any damage related to the prize.

Article 8 – Obligations of participants

Each participant undertakes to comply with all the provisions of these rules and to provide accurate information when registering. They also undertake not to use the prize won in the competition for purposes contrary to legitimate interests, biosecurity guidance or for fraudulent purposes.

Products marketed by DNA Script are for research use only and do not have the approval or clearance of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) or other regulatory approval, clearance or registration for in vitro diagnostic (“IVD”) use. Customer shall not use the Products in any manner requiring FDA or other regulatory approval, clearance, or registration relating to IVD use.

Article 9 – Responsibility of participants

Participants agree, declare and warrant, to the best of their knowledge, that the sequences provided in the registration form and the use of the sequence by the winners will be used in a safe and reasonable manner, including under appropriate biosecurity conditions in accordance with applicable biosecurity guidelines, and in accordance with all applicable specifications and these terms and conditions.

Participants agree, represent, and warrant, to the best of their knowledge and belief, that the prize will be used in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and ethical guidelines, including, but not limited to, biosafety, biosecurity, and intellectual property regulations. Winners acknowledge that DNA Script is providing the prize solely for research and development purposes, and DNA Script is not responsible for any misuse, illegal activity, or unintended consequences arising from the use, handling, or modification of the prize by the winners. Winners assume full responsibility for the safe and legal use of the prize, including compliance with relevant government or institutional biosafety guidelines and obtaining all necessary permits or approvals.

Participants represent and warrant that the sequences provided to DNA Script in connection with this contest do not infringe on the intellectual property rights of any third party, are not fraudulent, and comply with all applicable laws and regulations. Participants agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless DNA Script and its affiliates, directors, officers, and employees from any claims, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or in connection with the synthesis of the sequence provided by participants, including, but not limited to, claims for intellectual property infringement, fraud, or violation of applicable laws. In no event shall DNA Script be liable or named as a party in any legal proceeding arising out of the illegal use or violation of the rights of third parties by the synthesis performed in connection with this contest.

Article 10 – Limitation of responsibility

EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE LAW, DNA SCRIPT SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY FOR DEATH, PERSONAL INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE TO ENTRANTS OR ITS AGENTS OR TO ANY THIRD PARTY AS A RESULT OF CUSTOMER’S USE OF THE PRIZE, OR FOR ANY LOSS OF USE OR PROFITS, PROCUREMENT OF SUBSTITUTE GOODS OR ANY INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, LIQUIDATED, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES OR, LOSS ARISING FROM DELAYS, ARISING OUT OF, BASED ON, OR RESULTING FROM THE USE OF, MISUSE OF, OR INABILITY TO USE THE PRIZE OR SPECIAL DAMAGES OF ANY KIND, HOWEVER CAUSED AND REGARDLESS OF THE

FORM OF ACTION WHETHER IN CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE), STRICT PRODUCT LIABILITY, OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING LIABILITY FOR ANY DEATH, BODILY INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND EVEN IF DNA SCRIPT HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

AS TO ANY LIABILITY NOT LEGALLY SUBJECT TO THE FOREGOING, DNA SCRIPT'S TOTAL LIABILITY SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE PRIZE. EACH PARTY UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT THE FOREGOING LIMITATION OF LIABILITY IS AN AGREED ALLOCATION OF RISK BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND THAT ABSENT THE OTHER PARTY'S AGREEMENT TO THIS LIMITATION OF LIABILITY, SUCH PARTY WOULD NOT ENTER INTO THESE TERMS.

Article 11 – Regulations on the use of personal data

By validating the online registration form, participants agree to provide their personal data and accept that it may be transmitted to the company organizing the operation and used for any commercial purpose. The organizing company undertakes never to disclose this information to third parties and reserves the exclusive right to use it for commercial purposes.

This personal data will be used in accordance with DNA Script's privacy policy: [DNA-SCRIPT-PRIVACY-POLICY.pdf](#)

Article 12 – Responsibility and rights

Throughout the duration of the operation, the organizing company reserves the right to replace the prize offered with another prize of equivalent nature and value, in particular in the event of the organizing company's judicial liquidation, industrial action, modification of the contractual agreements entered into by the organizing company, failure of the organizing company, etc. The organizing company cannot be held liable for this.

The organizing company reserves the right at any time to suspend, interrupt, extend the duration of the game, postpone the date of the draw, or modify the conditions, if circumstances so require, without participants being able to hold it liable for this; provided that participants are informed by any appropriate means.

In the event of circumstances beyond its control, in the event of force majeure, fraud or cheating, serious, unforeseen or compelling events, the organizing company reserves the right to shorten or cancel all or part of this operation without participants being able to hold it liable for this.

DNA Script undertakes to perform the sequencing in accordance with the request submitted by the winner and using all reasonable means. In the event of special circumstances affecting the production of the products and requiring DNAS to cancel the winner's sequencing, DNAS undertakes to inform the winner in writing.

Article 14 – Dispute

Participation in this game implies a fair attitude and full acceptance of these rules and any amendments thereto.

These rules are subject to French law.

The parties shall endeavor to resolve any dispute arising from the interpretation or execution of these rules amicably. If the dispute persists, it shall be submitted to the competent courts of Paris.

If any clause of these rules is deemed invalid, the other clauses and the rules themselves shall remain in force.

In the event of a dispute arising from a situation not covered by these rules, the organizing company shall be responsible for settling it.

Any dispute or complaint concerning the game must be sent by mail to the organizing company within one month of the end of this operation (date of receipt). Any dispute or complaint received by the organizing company after this deadline will not be taken into account.

Article 15 – Miscellaneous

15.1 - Acceptance of the rules - By submitting an entry form for this contest, participants agree to be bound by these rules.

15.2 - Consultation and modification of the rules – These rules are available for consultation and download directly from the website [[LINK](#)]. The organizing society reserves the right to modify these rules at any time, provided that the version available on the aforementioned website is amended with the addition of an addendum. In the event of any contradiction between different versions of these rules, the version published most recently on the website shall prevail.