

ADLERS ABYSS

Adler's Abyss places your team inside the unpredictable world of human behaviour, where observation can be deceptive and memory cannot always be trusted. Across three rounds, you will analyse personalities, experience psychological manipulation, and conduct your own behavioural research. Your team must apply psychological concepts to real situations rather than simply recalling theory. Success will depend on observation, critical thinking, scientific reasoning, and understanding why people think and behave the way they do.

Delegates per team: 1-3

Round 1 :

Become the psychologist. Your team will be assigned an actor portraying a detailed psychological profile and given limited time to observe, interview, and interact with them. Without directly asking what condition or behavioural pattern they represent, you must identify personality characteristics, cognitive biases, and behavioural indicators using evidence from the interaction. Every response, gesture, and behavioural change may provide an important clue towards understanding the individual. Your team will then submit its psychological assessment and recommend the most effective communication strategy for the individual.

Round 2 :

What if remembering something does not mean it actually happened? Your team will witness an event and record its original memory before entering a digital environment filled with social-media posts, eyewitness accounts, rumours, group chats, and apparent public consensus. As misinformation spreads, your team must separate reality from influence and track how its own memories change. When the original event is finally revealed, you will analyse how misinformation, social proof, confirmation bias, and reconstructive memory influenced your judgement.

Round 3 :

In this round, you will not analyse an experiment you will create one. Your team will enter a behavioural research laboratory, receive a psychological research question, and design a live experiment around it. You must formulate a hypothesis, control variables, test real participants, collect behavioural data, and determine whether the evidence supports your prediction. Unexpected results and participant behaviour will test your ability to adapt while maintaining scientific validity. The round concludes with an international-conference-style presentation where judges will challenge your methodology, findings, limitations, and conclusions.