

## Film Contest: Keep Killer Robots Fiction

Mines Action Canada is launching a **Keep Killer Robots Fiction** film contest for **students in post-secondary** institutions around the world. We're looking for new, compelling and provocative ways to start a conversation in the public about autonomous weapons systems.

Killer Robots have been a staple trope in fiction and entertainment for years but in the last decade, the possibility of fully autonomous weapons is coming closer to being realized. Recently, we have seen a dramatic rise in unmanned weapons that has changed the face of warfare. New technology is permitting serious efforts to develop fully autonomous weapons, which would be able to fire on targets of their own choosing, without any human intervention. Killer Robots are a large step beyond armed drones, which have a human pilot in a remote location. These weapons would pose a fundamental challenge to the protection of civilians during armed conflict and to compliance with international human rights and humanitarian law.

You can learn more about autonomous weapons systems online at: [www.stopkillerrobots.ca](http://www.stopkillerrobots.ca).

Videos must be no longer than **two (2) minutes** in length. Submissions should illustrate [one of the major problems with autonomous weapons](#) or ask a question about handing over life and death decisions to a machine. Submissions will be judged by a panel of experts on **effectiveness and creativity, production quality**, and following the **contest criteria**.

The winner or winning team will receive a [Go-Pro HERO 4 Silver](#) camera and a [3-way mount](#). In addition, we may show the winning video at a United Nations meeting discussing autonomous weapons.

To enter the Keep Killer Robots Fiction film contest:

1. Visit the [contest entry form](#) on our website and fill in the required information. Videos may be submitted by individuals or teams.
2. Upload your finished video to [Vimeo](#) and specify the location (URL) on the entry form. Memberships to Vimeo are free. **HARD COPIES OF SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

\*There is no entry fee for this contest\*

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS 15 MARCH 2015**

Winners will be announced via Twitter and Facebook at the end of March 2015 – so make sure you follow us on twitter [@MinesActionCan](#) and Like our [Facebook Fan page](#).

For more information on the contest details and rules, please visit the [contest page](#) or [www.stopkillerrobots.ca](http://www.stopkillerrobots.ca).