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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

MJIIX International Research and Innovation Competition 2026

*Grand Banquet Hall, Level 6,
UTM Hotel & Residence, Kuala Lumpur*

*Monday,
28 September 2026*

1 OBJECTIVES



The MJIIX International Research and Innovation Competition 2026 aims to foster creativity, innovation, and collaboration among higher education institutions, industry partners, and the broader innovation community. The competition provides a platform for participants to showcase innovative projects that address real-world industrial and societal challenges while promoting technology development, entrepreneurship, and sustainable innovation.

2 PARTICIPANT



- The competition is open to undergraduate students, postgraduate students, researchers, lecturers, and academic staff from higher education institutions.
- Participants may submit individually or as a team of up to five (5) participants from one or more higher education institutions and/or collaborating industry partners.
- The first author of each submission must be affiliated with a higher education institution. Industry representatives may participate as co-authors or co-participants where applicable.
- All submitted projects must be original, with appropriate acknowledgement of all contributors and collaborating organisations.
- Participants are responsible for their own travel, accommodation, visa arrangements, and other related expenses required to attend the Poster Showcase if accepted.

3 CATEGORIES

- Submissions may fall under various categories, including but not limited to:



Engineering
and
Technology



Sustainability
and Green
Innovation



Healthcare and
Biomedical
Innovation



Social
Innovation



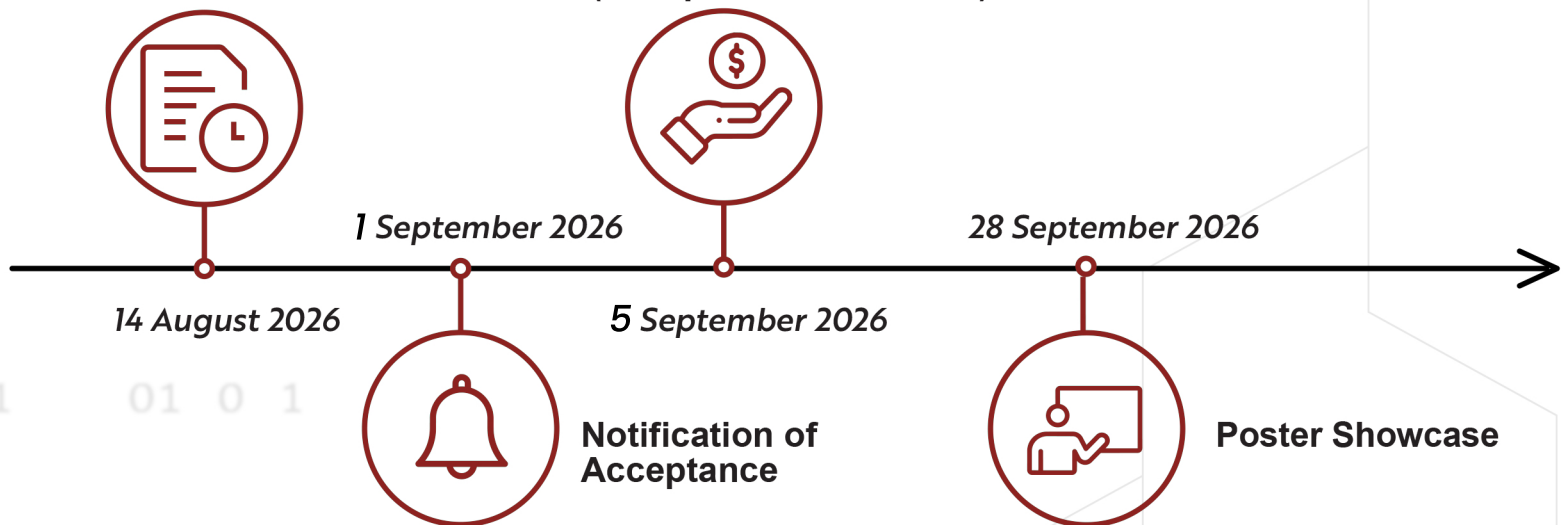
Entrepreneurship
and
Commercialisation

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IMPORTANT DATES

Submission Deadline

Payment Deadline
(Accepted Submissions)



All deadlines and schedules stated in this competition shall follow Malaysia Time (MYT, UTC+8).

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SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Participants are required to submit an extended abstract for their innovation project in accordance with the prescribed extended abstract template.
- All submissions should demonstrate relevance to current industry needs, challenges, applications, or societal needs, as applicable to the nature of the project. Projects developed in collaboration with industry partners are strongly encouraged.
- Participants whose submissions have been accepted shall prepare and display a poster based on their accepted extended abstract during the Poster Showcase. The poster shall be presented in the form of a 2 ft × 6 ft T-style bunting. The poster design is open format, provided that it clearly communicates the innovation project and addresses the evaluation criteria specified in Section 8.
- The extended abstract template will be provided through the submission portal.
- The extended abstract shall clearly identify the first author and the institutional affiliation of each author. The first author must be affiliated with a higher education institution.
- All submissions, posters, and supporting materials shall be prepared in British English.
- Participants are required to indicate whether they consent to the possible publication of their work in the peer-reviewed proceedings of MJIX IRIC 2026.
- Participants who consent to publication must submit the Copyright and Publication Consent Form with their submission. Those who do not consent are not required to submit the form.
- Publication is subject to the applicable publication requirements, editorial screening, and peer-review processes, and consent to publication does not constitute a guarantee of publication.
- The Organising Committee reserves the right to reject, withdraw, or disqualify any submission found to contain plagiarism, fabricated data, false information, or any breach of academic integrity or competition rules.
- The Organising Committee reserves the right to request additional information or supporting documents to verify the eligibility, originality, authorship, or ownership of any submission.
- Submission Portal: <https://forms.gle/SFzzFRrng3T4Y1U7A>

6 FEES

- Participants whose submissions have been accepted are required to pay the following participation fees:

Local Participants (Malaysia)	International Participants
RM150	RM300

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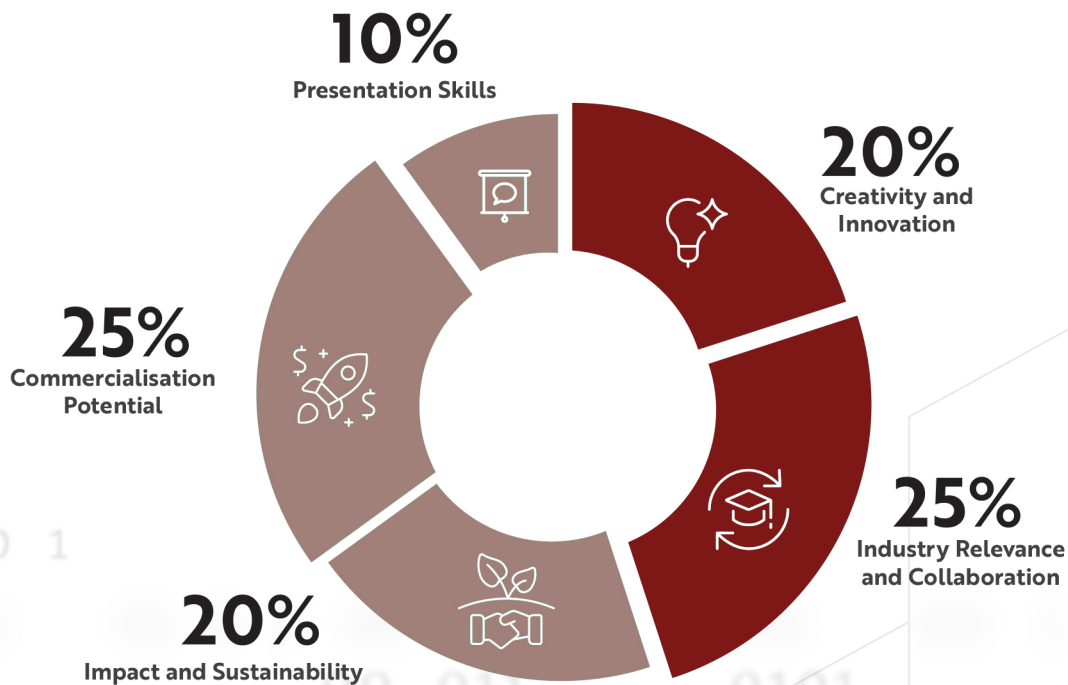
- Payment can be made via UTM Payhub by scanning the QR code provided.
- Use "MJIX IRIC 2026" as the payment reference when making the payment.
- Participants whose submissions have been accepted shall complete the payment process by 5 September 2026. Successful payment of the participation fee shall confirm the registration of the accepted submission and its participant(s) for the Poster Showcase.
- Participation fees are non-refundable once payment has been made, except in the event that the Poster Showcase is cancelled by the Organiser.
- Failure of an accepted submission to be represented by at least one registered participant during the Poster Showcase shall not entitle the participant(s) to a refund.

7 COMPETITION FORMAT

- The competition will be conducted through a physical Poster Showcase on 28 September 2026 at the designated MJIX IRIC 2026 venue. Virtual participation will not be permitted.
- Each accepted submission must be represented by at least one registered participant throughout the designated evaluation period.
- Participants shall display their innovation posters based on their accepted extended abstracts and remain available at their designated poster location throughout the evaluation period to explain their innovation projects and respond to questions from the judging panel.
- A submission that is not represented by at least one registered participant throughout the designated evaluation period shall be disqualified from the competition and shall not be eligible for any competition awards.
- The judging panel will visit each poster during the designated evaluation period to assess the innovation project and engage the participant(s) in discussion.
- All submissions shall be evaluated by the judging panel during the Poster Showcase based on the evaluation criteria and rubric set out in Section 8.
- The final evaluation scores awarded by the judging panel shall determine the competition awards.
- The decision of the judging panel shall be final, and no appeals shall be entertained.

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EVALUATION CRITERIA AND RUBRIC



- The evaluation criteria and rubric shall be applied during the Poster Showcase, and competition awards shall be determined solely based on the final scores awarded by the judging panel.
- Submissions will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
 - Creativity and Innovation (20%)**
Evaluate the originality, novelty, and innovativeness of the idea or project.
 - Industry Relevance and Collaboration (25%)**
Evaluate the project's relevance to current industry needs, challenges, or applications, and the extent and quality of industry collaboration or engagement, where applicable.
 - Impact and Sustainability (20%)**
Evaluate the potential societal, economic, environmental, and long-term sustainability impact of the innovation.
 - Commercialisation Potential (25%)**
Evaluate the potential for commercialisation, market adoption, practical implementation, scalability, or other forms of value creation, where applicable.
 - Poster Communication and Engagement (10%)**
Evaluate the clarity, organisation, and visual effectiveness of the poster, the participant's ability to communicate the innovation effectively, and the quality of responses provided to the judging panel during the Poster Showcase.

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PRIZES

- Only accepted submissions represented by at least one registered participant throughout the designated evaluation period shall be eligible for competition awards, including medals and cash prizes

Grand Award

One (1) winning entry (RM2,500)

Semi-Grand Award

Two (2) winning entries (RM1,000 each)

Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals

Awarded based on the final evaluation scores during the Poster Showcase

Certificates of Participation

Awarded to all registered participants whose accepted submissions successfully participate in the Poster Showcase



- Prize values are stated in Malaysian Ringgit (RM).
- All competition awards shall be determined based solely on the final evaluation scores awarded by the judging panel during the Poster Showcase.

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND PUBLICATION

- All intellectual property rights in the submitted projects shall remain with the participants.
- Accepted submissions from participants who consent to publication and complete the participation fee payment may be considered for inclusion in the peer-reviewed proceedings of MJIX IRIC 2026, subject to editorial screening, applicable publication requirements, and peer-review processes.
- Participation and judging shall not be affected by a participant's decision not to consent to publication.
- The editorial screening and peer-review processes will commence after the Poster Showcase. Eligible participants will be contacted by the Organising Committee with further instructions.
- Consent to publication does not guarantee publication.
- The proceedings will be registered for an eISBN with the National Library of Malaysia (Perpustakaan Negara Malaysia).
- Submission of the Copyright and Publication Consent Form grants MJIX a non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to reproduce, archive, display, publish, and use the submitted materials for academic, promotional, documentation, and archival purposes related to MJIX IRIC 2026, with appropriate acknowledgement of the participants.

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AMENDMENTS AND ORGANISER RIGHTS

- The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend these Terms of Reference, the competition schedule, judging process, or event arrangements where necessary. Any amendments will be communicated to participants via email and may also be published on the official MJIX 2026 website.
- The Organising Committee reserves the right to postpone, reschedule, suspend, relocate, or cancel the competition or any part thereof due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to natural disasters, public health emergencies, government directives, or other unforeseen events.
- In the event of any dispute regarding the interpretation of these Terms of Reference, the English version shall prevail.

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