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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 MJIIIX 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 worldwide.
- Participants may submit entries individually or as a team. Teams may comprise participants from the same or different academic disciplines and institutions.
- Each submission may consist of a maximum of five (5) participants.
- All submitted projects must be original and developed solely by the submitting participant(s).
- Participants are responsible for their own travel, accommodation, visa arrangements, and other related expenses required to attend the Final Presentation Session if shortlisted.

3 CATEGORIES

Entries 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

MJIIX IRIC 2026 will be conducted in three stages:

Stage 1



Submission and Screening

- Participants are required to submit an extended abstract and a one-slide graphical abstract by the submission deadline.
- All submissions will undergo an initial screening to verify compliance with the submission requirements.

Stage 2



Final Presentation Session Shortlisting

- All submissions that successfully satisfy the submission requirements will be evaluated by a panel of academic and industry evaluators based on the submitted extended abstract, one-slide graphical abstract, and the evaluation criteria set out in Section 9 for shortlisting purposes.
- Based on the evaluation results, selected submissions will be shortlisted for the Final Presentation Session.
- The Notice of Final Presentation Session Shortlisting will be announced on 5 September 2026.
- The number of shortlisted submissions shall be determined by the Organising Committee based on the evaluation outcomes and venue capacity.

Stage 3



Payment and Final Presentation

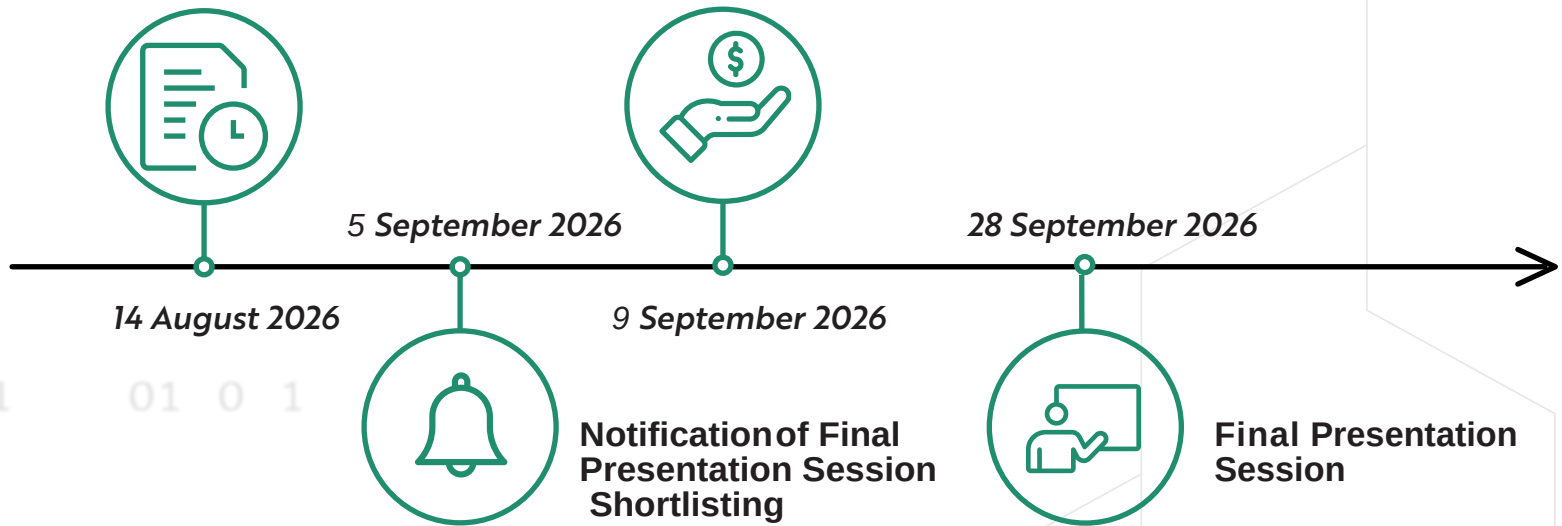
- Shortlisted participants are required to complete the prescribed participation fee payment by 9 September 2026.
- Payment of the participation fee by the stipulated deadline shall serve as confirmation of participation in the Final Presentation Session.
- Only shortlisted participants who successfully complete the payment by the stipulated deadline shall be eligible to participate in the Final Presentation Session on 28 September 2026.
- Shortlisted participants will be evaluated during the Final Presentation Session based on their presentation and question-and-answer session using the evaluation criteria set out in Section 9. The final evaluation scores obtained during this session shall be used to determine the competition awards.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Submission Due

Payment Deadline
(Shortlisted Participants Only)



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 and a one-slide graphical abstract for their innovation project.
- The extended abstract shall include the following components:
 - i. Project title
 - ii. Abstract
 - iii. Introduction
 - iv. Methodology
 - v. Results and Discussion
 - vi. Conclusion
 - vii. References
- All submissions must demonstrate clear relevance to current industry needs, challenges, or applications. Projects developed in collaboration with industry partners are strongly encouraged and will be viewed favourably under the Industry Relevance and Collaboration evaluation criterion.
- The one-slide graphical abstract must clearly summarise the innovation, methodology, and expected impact of the project.
- The submitted one-slide graphical abstract shall serve as the official presentation slide for the Final Presentation Session. Any substantial modifications after submission shall be subject to approval by the Organising Committee.
- The extended abstract template will be provided through the submission portal.
- All submissions, presentation materials, and presentations must be prepared and delivered in British English.
- 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 Link: <https://forms.gle/SFzzFRrng3T4Y1U7A>

7 FEES

- Only shortlisted participants are required to pay the following participation fees

Local Participants (Malaysia)	International Participants
RM150	RM300

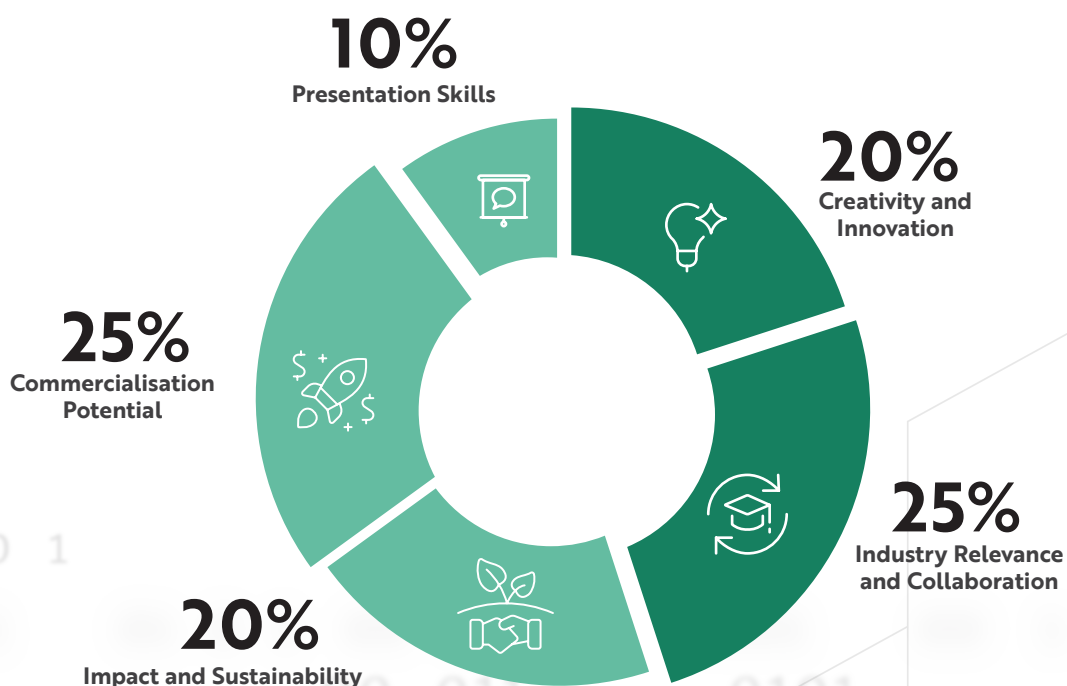
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- Payment can be made via UTM Payhub by scanning the QR code provided.
- Use "MJIX IRIC 2026" as the payment reference when making the payment.
- Shortlisted participants shall complete the payment process by 9 September 2026. Successful payment of the participation fee shall confirm the participant's registration for the Final Presentation Session.
- Participation fees are non-refundable once payment has been made, except in the event that the Final Presentation Session is cancelled by the Organiser.
- Failure of shortlisted participants to attend the Final Presentation Session, regardless of reason, shall not entitle them to a refund.

8 COMPETITION FORMAT

- Participants shortlisted for Stage 3 shall present their projects during the Final Presentation Session on 28 September 2026.
- All shortlisted participants shall deliver their presentations physically at the MJIX IRIC 2026 venue. Virtual presentations will not be permitted.
- Each shortlisted submission must be presented by at least one registered participant during the Final Presentation Session.
- A shortlisted submission that is not represented by at least one registered participant during the scheduled Final Presentation Session shall be disqualified from the competition and shall not be eligible for any competition awards.
- Presentation format:
 - 3-minute presentation
 - 5-minute question-and-answer session
- Winners and award recipients shall be determined based on the final evaluation scores obtained during the Final Presentation Session.
- The decision of the judges shall be final, and no appeals shall be entertained



- The evaluation criteria and rubric shall serve as the basis for assessment throughout the competition.
 - Stage 2: Submissions will be evaluated based on the extended abstract and one-slide graphical abstract for shortlisting purposes only. Presentation Skills will not be assessed at this stage, and the evaluation scores shall not contribute to the determination of competition awards.
 - Stage 3: Shortlisted participants will be evaluated based on their presentation and question-and-answer session. Presentation Skills will be assessed only during the Final Presentation Session
- 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 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, and business viability.
 - Presentation Skills (10%)**
Evaluate the clarity, organisation, delivery, audience engagement, and effectiveness of the presentation.

- Only shortlisted participants who successfully present during the Final Presentation Session shall be eligible for all competition awards, including medals, special awards, and cash prizes

Grand Award

One (1) winning entry (RM2,500)

Semi-Grand Award

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

Best Presenter Award

One (1) winner

Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals

Awarded based on the final evaluation scores obtained during the Final Presentation Session



- Certificates of Participation will be awarded to all shortlisted participants who successfully participate in the Final Presentation Session.
- Prize values are stated in Malaysian Ringgit (RM).

11**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

- All intellectual property rights in the submitted projects shall remain with the participants.
- By submitting their work, participants grant MJIX a non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to reproduce, archive, display, publish, and use the submitted materials for promotional, documentation, educational, and archival purposes related to MJIX IRIC 2026, with proper acknowledgement to the participants.

12**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 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.

Official Website: <https://mjiit.utm.my/MJIX2026/>

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