

The IMU-Ron Harden Innovation in Medical Education Award

The IMU-Ron Harden Innovation in Medical Education (IMU-RHIME) Award was established since 2008 International Medical Education Conference aims to acknowledge and celebrate innovative practices in health professions education that may otherwise remain unheralded.

The award is a tribute to Professor Ronald Harden, a pivotal figure in the establishment of the International Medical University (IMU) and a world-renowned authority in medical education. This prestigious accolade reflects the high esteem held for Professor Harden's contributions to the field.

We cordially invite you to submit your innovative work for consideration at the IMEC2026, which will be held from 9th to 11th October 2026.

The criteria for submitting innovations for the IMU-RHIME Award are centred around the theme: **Educators' Redefined: From Gatekeepers to Learning Architects**

The scope of the innovation should follow the main conference theme: The subthemes for the conference are as below:

- Curriculum Design
- Teaching and Learning Strategies
- Student Assessment
- Educational Technology & Artificial Intelligence
- Governance and leadership
- Faculty Development
- Value Based Education, Professionalism & Ethics

At least ONE (1) author of each innovation MUST register for the Conference.

- Submission should include two abstracts as specified below:
 - One regular abstract, not exceeding 300 words in length.
 - One extended abstract, not exceeding 500 words in length.
- Abstract Submission Deadline: **30 April 2026**. Submissions received after this deadline will not be considered.
- Abstract Acceptance Notification: 31 May 2026

ABSTRACT STRUCTURE & HOW TO SUBMIT

1. Access

Please visit <https://www.imu.edu.my/events/imec2026/register> and register to create an ID. Then, click on submit abstract to start the submission process.

2. Structure for abstract

- a. Authors: Please follow instructions for all author and co-author details. Type the author's full name (First name, family name) and affiliation. Please ensure the details are accurate as the name provided will be included in the abstract book. Unless indicated otherwise, first author's name will be considered as the abstract presenter.
- b. Category: Please select the category most related to your study.
- c. Abstract title: The title should be explicit and reflecting the content of the abstract. The length should be no more than 30 words.
- d. The regular abstract should follow the structure below:
 - i. Background: Indicating the objective(s) of your investigation and your research question.
 - ii. Method: An explanation of the study design and experimental methods used
 - iii. Results: The essential results were observed in summary form. Sufficient quantitative data and statistical tests should be presented. Statements like "to be completed" are not acceptable.
 - iv. Conclusion: Conclusion should be supported by the findings within your results.
- e. The extended abstract should contain:
 - i. Background: Elaborating context and the objective(s) of your investigation and your research question. Explain why the innovation is necessary
 - ii. Rationale of Innovation: Explain how the innovation addresses a real problem and the originality of the study
 - iii. Method: An explanation of the study design and experimental methods used, including the detail of analysis
 - iv. Results of evaluation
 - v. Discussion: May further include the practicality, cost effectiveness, evidence of impact or effectiveness and acceptability by learners and/or educators and its feasibility.
 - vi. Conclusion
- f. Keywords: Not more than 3
- g. Take home message: Provide the impact or take-home actions from your study in less than 50 words.

INSTRUCTION TO PRESENTERS

1. Duration and Interaction

Each presentation is allotted strictly 10 minutes for the presentation itself, which will be followed by a 5-minute session for questions and discussion, facilitated by a chair.

2. Presenters

- a. All presenters must register and pay the registration fee **31 July 2026** to ensure inclusion of an accepted abstract presentation in the programme and abstract book.
- b. In view of time and fair chance, only one presenter is allowed for each accepted abstract.

3. Date of Presentation

The presentation will take place on 11th October 2026.

4. Slide Design Freedom

Presenters are free to create own design as there is no conference slide template.

5. Presentation Format

The format of the presentation should be set to 16:9 and in landscape orientation.

6. Conflict of interest Declaration:

- a. All presentations must declare any conflicts of interest on the 2nd slide of the presentation.
- b. Text to be included in the slide to state the conflict of interest
 - i. No conflict of interest: "There are no conflicts of interest to declare". OR
 - ii. Conflict of interest: Please state in your own words what the conflict of interest is.
- c. All presenters must disclose any personal or financial relationships that could influence their work.

7. Text and Font Recommendations

- a. It is recommended that text should be no smaller than font 24; standard fonts should be used.
- b. Please use Abstract ID as the file name when saving as a PDF. Do not use symbols or special characters (i.e. +/@/ü) in the file name.

8. Pre-Presentation Requirements:

All presenters should be present at the respective presentation venue (for onsite presenters) / Zoom link (for online presenters) at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.

9. Live Streaming

The session will be live-streamed but not recorded.

GUIDELINE FOR ONSITE PRESENTERS

1. Available Audio-Visual Equipment

The venue is equipped with a projection screen, data projector, microphone, and laptop.

2. Submission of Presentation Files

Presenters should provide their presentation file to the IMEC 2026 organizers in advance via one of the following methods:

- Email the presentation file to IMEC2026@imu.edu.my with the Abstract Number before **30 September 2026** (5:00 pm Malaysia, GMT +8:00) or
- Bring the presentation file on a USB device to the Secretariat Room (4th Floor) before **10 October 2026** (5:00 pm Malaysia, GMT +8:00).

3. Backup Copy

It is recommended to carry a backup copy of your presentation slides on a USB device.

4. Compatibility Check

Be aware of potential formatting issues between Mac and PC versions of Office applications. Ensure your presentation slides are checked and compatible before the session.

GUIDELINE FOR ONLINE PRESENTERS

1. Preparation of Backup Presentation

Online presenters should prepare and provide a pre-recorded backup presentation in MP4 format, to be used in the event of unsatisfactory connection during the live session.

2. Submission of Pre-recorded Video

The pre-recorded presentation should be sent to IMEC2026@imu.edu.my via WeTransfer (<https://wetransfer.com/>) by **30 September 2026** (5:00 pm Malaysia, GMT +8:00).

3. Pre-Presentation Requirements

All online presenters must join the Zoom presentation link at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled presentation time.

4. Live Participation

Presenters are expected to be present live for both the presentation and the subsequent question and answer session.

5. Use of Pre-recorded Video

In the event of an unstable live connection, the pre-recorded video will be used.

6. Duration of Pre-recorded Video Playback

If played, the pre-recorded video will be strictly limited to a 10-minute duration during the session.

Guideline for Pre-recorded Video format

- File type : MP4 with 720p HD
- Screen resolution : 16:9
- Video length : Maximum 10 mins
- First scene of the video : Please provide the presenter's name, organization and topic of presentation.
- Last scene of the video : Please provide the presenter's name and contact (e.g. email address)
- Mode of sending : WeTransfer (<https://wetransfer.com/>)