

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP – GUIDELINE

INTRODUCTION

Health professions education is entering a transformative phase, in which educators are extending their roles to navigate evolving expectations, emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, and shifting priorities across education and healthcare. Educators face increasingly complex challenges, including balancing competing demands on their time, integrating novel pedagogical approaches, responding to diverse learner needs, and adapting to rapidly changing work environments. This conference provides a platform for rigorous intellectual engagement and interdisciplinary dialogue, enabling participants to explore these challenges, examine current trends, and consider strategies to support critical reasoning, professional identity formation, and client-centred service. The discussions are especially timely given the increasing complexity of environmental and sustainability issues, alongside the imperative to incorporate values-based education. Through collective reflection and knowledge exchange, the conference highlights and enhances the health professions educator's role as a thoughtful, future-oriented leader in modern health professions education.

We deeply appreciate your commitment to advancing medical education and invaluable contributions to this field. This conference is ideal for educators, researchers, healthcare professionals, policymakers, and students, offering networking and collaboration opportunities with industry leaders and innovators shaping the future of healthcare and health professions education.

The IMEC 2026 welcomes the submission of pre-conference workshop proposals. Workshops should provide participants with an opportunity to extend their knowledge and strengthen their skills in the areas addressed by the workshop. These sessions should also provide time for interaction with and among participants.

The workshop content and activities need to be based on the conference theme: **Educators Redefined: Design Learning, Drive Changes and Deliver Impact**

The subthemes of this conference are the following:

- Innovations in Teaching and Learning
- Value-based education, Professionalism & Ethics
- Curriculum Design, Holistic Approach and Integrative Education
- Assessment and Evaluation
- Technology-enhanced Learning and Artificial Intelligence
- Governance and Leadership, and Sustainable Practice
- Faculty Development

Proposal Submission Deadline: **30 March 2026**

Proposal Acceptance Notification: 30 April 2026

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

- The time allocated for each workshop is 180 minutes (3 hours).
- There are two options for conducting the workshop:-
 - Onsite – **All facilitators should be onsite** at the conference venue, and only offered to onsite participants.
 - Online – Zoom will be used. **All facilitators should be online**, and only offered to online participants.
- Workshop typically should include short presentations with time for interactive activities or discussion.
- Each workshop typically should have two to four facilitators. Only **ONE (1)** facilitator will be given complimentary registration to the conference. **All facilitators** must be registered at <https://www.imu.edu.my/events/imec2026/register> by **30 June 2026** to be eligible to deliver the workshop.
- Priority will be given to workshops using the following criteria:
 - Structured for active participation.
 - Covers important or controversial issues related to the conference theme with suggestions for implementation in participants' own context.
 - Alignment with the subthemes.
 - Appealing to educators across different specialties in health professions education.
 - A diverse facilitators, from multi-institutions.
- Accepted workshop will be informed by **30 April 2026**.
- A moderator will be appointed by IMEC 2026 organiser to support/assist the workshop delivery.
- The moderator will liaise with the facilitators for all materials and setup needed for the workshop.
- All materials, e.g. pre-reading materials, marker pens or setup (e.g. software, Zoom breakout room) etc, needed for the workshop should be informed before **30 August 2026 (5:00 pm Malaysia, GMT +8:00)**.
- All facilitators should be present at the respective workshop venue (for onsite presenters) or Zoom link (for online presenters) at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- The session will not be live-streamed or recorded.

For further information regarding the IMEC 2026, please contact IMEC 2026 Secretariat via email to IMEC2026@imu.edu.my