

SYMPOSIA 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 symposia proposals.

The symposium 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

SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

- Symposia speakers may present either onsite (at Kuala Lumpur) or online.

- Each symposium session should last about 60 minutes, with a **maximum of 3 speakers**.
- **Presentations from speakers should take no more than 45 minutes, with the remaining time for discussion.**
- The organiser will appoint moderators to support the session and manage questions from online and onsite participants.
- Presenters are highly encouraged to present onsite (at Kuala Lumpur). However, we also accommodate if the speaker opt to present via online (via Zoom).
- Presenters are free to create the presentation using own design as there is no conference slide template.
- The presentation format should be set to 16:9 and in landscape orientation.
- All presentations must declare any conflicts of interest on the 2nd slide of the presentation.
- Text to be included in the slide to state the conflict of interest
 - No conflict of interest: "There are no conflicts of interest to declare". **OR**
 - Conflict of interest: Please state in your own words what the conflict of interest is.
 - All presenters must disclose any personal or financial relationships that could influence their work.
- It is recommended that text should be no smaller than font 24; standard fonts should be used.
- All presenters should be at the respective presentation venue (for onsite presenters) / Zoom link (for online presenters) at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- Symposium will be live-streamed and recorded.
- Speakers are required to provide consent for sharing of presentations in the virtual platform at the end of the conference.

FOR ONSITE PRESENTERS (AT KUALA LUMPUR)

- The audio-visual equipment available in the venue includes a projection screen, data projector, microphone and laptop.
- The presentation file should be provided to IMEC 2026 organiser in advance, either
 - Email the presentation file to IMEC2026@imu.edu.my 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 **9 October 2026 (5:00 pm Malaysia, GMT +8:00)**.
- Please ensure you have a copy of your presentation slides on a USB as a backup.
- Please note that there are often formatting inconsistencies between Mac and PC versions of Office, so please ensure you have checked the presentation slides before the session.

FOR ONLINE PRESENTERS

- All online presenters must be at the Zoom session at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- Presenters may choose to present live or via pre-recorded presentation.
- All pre-recorded presentations should be in MP4 format.
- The pre-recorded video file should be provided to IMEC2026@imu.edu.my \via WeTransfer (<https://wetransfer.com/>) before **30 September 2026 (5:00 pm Malaysia, GMT +8:00)**.

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