Call for Free Papers

ACAPHEI 2026 Free Paper Competition

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Theme

Empowering Communities in the Society 5.0 Era: Synergy of Health, Social Innovation, and Technology

Background

The ACAPHEI 2026 Free Paper Competition is organized as part of the 2026 ACAPHEI forum at Universitas YARSI in Jakarta. The competition is intended to recognize students and lecturers from ACAPHEI member institutions whose work, ideas, or documented initiatives demonstrate how health, social innovation, and technology can empower communities in the Society 5.0 era.

This competition complements ACAPHEI's broader role as a regional platform for collaboration among private higher education institutions in China and Southeast Asia, including faculty joint research, student engagement, and innovation-oriented cooperation. By highlighting community-focused contributions, the competition aims to make the forum more action-oriented and to showcase initiatives with visible social relevance.

Categories

The competition is open in two categories:

- Student Category
- Lecturer Category

Both categories are evaluated separately. One winners from the Student Category and One winners from the Lecturer Category will be selected.

Purpose

The competition aims to:

- Highlight ideas, projects, and contributions that empower local communities through the synergy of health, social innovation, and technology.
- Recognize participants whose work demonstrates alignment with Sustainable Development Goals and measurable social improvement.
- Encourage the dissemination of innovation and community-engagement practices among ACAPHEI member institutions.
- Provide selected winners with an opportunity to present their work during the ACAPHEI 2026 forum in Jakarta.

Eligibility

Applications are open only to participants from ACAPHEI member institutions. Applicants must enter either the Student Category or the Lecturer Category.

The following eligibility rules apply:

- The applicant must belong to an ACAPHEI member institution.
- The submission must align with the competition theme on community empowerment in the Society 5.0 era.
- The submission may describe a research-based contribution, innovation, implementation activity, community program, or creative idea with demonstrated or potential social benefit.
- Applicants with published academic work and/or documented social media activities related to their contribution are strongly encouraged to apply.

Submission requirements

Each participant must submit the following in English:

- A one-page curriculum vitae.
- A one-page description of the applicant's contribution, innovation, implementation activity, or idea.
- Internet links to supporting evidence, which may include academic publications, project pages, media coverage, websites, or social media documentation relevant to the contribution.

The one-page description should preferably include:

- The problem or need being addressed.

- The innovation, contribution, or idea being presented.
- The target community or beneficiary group.
- The role of health, social innovation, and/or technology in the initiative.
- Evidence of outcomes, implementation, or influence, if available.
- The relevance of the contribution to SDGs or social improvement.

Selection process

All submissions will undergo administrative and substantive review by the organizing committee. Shortlisted participants will be invited to deliver a 7-minute presentation in an online Zoom webinar between August and September 2026.

The final winners will be announced in early October 2026. Winners will subsequently be invited to deliver a 10-minute oral presentation in Jakarta during the ACAPHEI 2026 forum.

Award

A total of two winners will be selected:

- One winner from the Student Category.
- One winner from the Lecturer Category.

Each winner will receive free hotel accommodation in Jakarta during the ACAPHEI 2026 forum. Each winner will also be given a 10-minute oral presentation slot during the forum program in Jakarta.

Evaluation criteria

Submissions will be evaluated using the following criteria:

Criterion	Description	Weight
Novelty and originality of insights on technological impact to society	Strength of new thinking, creativity, and insight on how technology influences or improves society	20
Verifiable evidence of contribution	Quality of supporting publications, project outputs, documented implementation, or social media evidence that can be verified through links	20
Relevance to the theme and SDG-oriented community empowerment	Clarity of alignment with Society 5.0, health, social innovation, technology, and social improvement goals	15

Community impact	Degree to which the work benefits a local community or target population in a meaningful way	15
Integration of health, social innovation, and/or technology	Quality of synergy among the core thematic dimensions of the competition	10
Scalability or transferability	Potential for the idea or initiative to be adapted in other communities or ACAPHEI institutions	10
Clarity and quality of submission	Quality of writing, structure, and usefulness of the supporting links and documentation	10

Indicative timeline

Activity	Timeline
Call for free papers released	July 2026
Submission period	July to august 2026
Administrative and substantive screening	August to September 2026
Shortlisted presentations in Zoom webinar	September 2026
Winner announcement	Early October 2026
Hotel accommodation confirmation	October 2026
Oral presentation at ACAPHEI 2026 forum in Jakarta	November 2026

Expectations from winners

Winners are expected to:

- Confirm participation in the ACAPHEI 2026 forum in Jakarta.
- Deliver a 10-minute oral presentation during the event.
- Present a clear account of their contribution, idea, or initiative and its social significance.
- Support the dissemination of impactful practices and ideas within the ACAPHEI network.

Submission and contact

Submissions should be sent to the ACAPHEI 2026 Organizing Committee at Universitas YARSI according to the official submission instructions to be circulated by the committee. Further

administrative details, technical guidance, and exact deadlines may be specified in the official announcement package.