

REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPANT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES



Global Academic Innovation Series (GAINS) I 2026

"Innovative Approaches to Address Non-Communicable Diseases and Promote Comprehensive Women's Health in a Changing Global Landscape"





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Overview

The Global Academic Innovation Series (GAINS) I 2026 is an international academic competition designed for lecturers, researchers, academicians, and innovators to present research findings, innovations, and evidence-based policy recommendations that contribute to the strengthening of global health systems. This event serves as a platform to foster the exchange of ideas, the development of innovation, and multidisciplinary collaboration across institutions and borders.

In line with the theme “Innovative Approaches to Address Non-Communicable Diseases and Promote Comprehensive Women’s Health in a Changing Global Landscape,” GAINS 2026 aims to strengthen academic and research capacity, expand international collaborative networks, and enhance the contribution of research and innovation to healthcare practices, education, policy development, and sustainable health development.

These guidelines have been prepared as a reference for participants to understand the registration mechanism, select the appropriate competition category, and prepare the required documents and submission materials in accordance with the regulations established by the committee.

Terms and Conditions for Participants

1. Faculty members and/or researchers from higher education institutions, research institutes, healthcare service institutions, or organizations related to the fields of health and health education.
2. Participants may originate from both national and international institutions.
3. Participants may join the competition either individually or in teams, with a maximum of three (3) members per team.
4. Cross-institutional and international collaborations are highly encouraged.
5. Each participant must hold a clear institutional affiliation.
6. Each participant is permitted to join more than one competition category, provided they submit distinct entries.
7. The official language of the competition is English.

Main Competition and Submission Materials



IRPC - INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PITCH COMPETITION

Focus Ongoing or proposed research projects addressing non-communicable disease prevention and/or women's health.

Submission Materials 1. Extended abstract (maximum of 1,500 words).
2. A 5-to-7-minute video pitch. Participants must upload an MP4 file or a accessible video link via the registration system.

Assesment Criteria Novelty, methodological rigor, potential impact, feasibility, global/LMIC relevance, and presentation quality.



AHIC - ACADEMIC & HEALTH INNOVATION CHALLENGE

Focus Evidence-based innovations in the fields of healthcare, health education, services, or community health.

Submission Materials 1. Innovation description (maximum of 2,000 words).
2. Supporting evidence, such as pilot study results, preliminary data, documentation, an optional video, or a description of the innovative product.

Assesment Criteria Significance of the problem, innovation, evidence base, benefits, feasibility and scalability, and quality of supporting documents.



E2I-PBC - EVIDENCE-TO-IMPACT POLICY BRIEF COMPETITION

Focus Evidence-based policy briefs derived from research findings to provide policy recommendations.

Submission Materials A 2-to-4-page policy brief, including an explanation of the targeted policy audience.

Assesment Criteria Policy issue relevance, strength of evidence, quality of recommendations, audience appropriateness, health system/LMIC relevance, and policy brief structure.



Registration Workflow

The following illustration serves as a quick reference guide for participants prior to completing the registration form.



Registration Procedure

Step
1

Open the Registration Form

Participants access the official registration link announced by the GAINS 2026 organizing committee.

Step
2

Fill in Participant Data

Participants enter their full name, title/profession, institutional affiliation, country, active email address, WhatsApp/contact number, and team member details (if applicable).

Step
3

Select Competition Category

Participants select either IRPC, AHIC, or E2I-PBC. Participants are permitted to enter more than one category, provided they submit distinct entries.

Step
4

Fill in Submission Information

Participants provide the submission title, keywords, an abstract/summary (maximum of 250 words), and indicate the alignment of their work with the GAINS 2026 theme.

Step
5

Prepare Files

Participants prepare the main documents and supporting materials required for their chosen competition category.

Step
6

Provide Submission Link

Participants must create a folder in their cloud storage (e.g., Google Drive) containing all the required main documents and supporting materials according to the chosen competition.

Step
7

Complete the Participant Consent Form

Participants agree to the declaration statement regarding originality, academic ethics, and compliance with the committee's regulation.

Step
8

Submit The Form

Participants thoroughly review all entered data and officially submit the registration form

Step
9

Receive Confirmation

Participants receive a confirmation email from the committee and await the results of the administrative screening and review process.

Important Dates



Launching GAINS



**May 18th,
2026**

Call for Abstract



**May - June
2026**

GAINS Submission Period



**May - June
2026**

Scientific Review Process



**June - July
2026**

Abstract Acceptance Notification



**August
2026**

Conference & Final GAINS



**September
15th - 16th, 2026**

Registration Form



Participant Data

- Team Leader (Full Name)
- Academic/professional titles
- Institutional affiliation
- Country
- Active Email Address
- WhatsApp/Contact Number
- Participation type: Individual / Team
- Names and affiliations of team members (if applicable)
- Cross-institutional / cross-country collaboration: Yes / No

Main Competition

1. International Research Pitch Competition / IRPC
2. Academic & Health Innovation Challenge / AHIC
3. Evidence-to-Impact Policy Brief Competition / E2I-PBC

Submission Information

1. Title
2. Abstract / summary (maximum of 250 words)
3. Alignment of the work with the GAINS 2026 theme
4. Focus: NCDs / Women's Health / NCDs and Women's Health / Health Education / Healthcare Services / Health Policy / Other

Submission Link

1. Provide a single link to your cloud storage folder (e.g., Google Drive, Dropbox) containing all your required submission files.
2. Ensure the files inside the folder follow the recommended formats .
3. For IRPC only: Include the video pitch in MP4 format inside the folder, or provide a separate YouTube link within a document inside your folder.
4. For AHIC only: Include any supporting documents (photos, pilot data, videos) inside the same folder.
5. Access Permission: Ensure your folder link access is strictly set to "Anyone with the link can view".

Participant Declaration

1. **Originality of Work:** The submitted work is an original creation and/or the collective work of the designated team members.
2. **Academic Integrity & Copyright:** The work does not infringe upon any third-party copyright, intellectual property rights, or breach established academic ethical standards.
3. **Compliance with Rules:** I/We agree to strictly abide by all the guidelines, rules, regulations, and provisions established by the GAINS 2026 organizing committee.
4. **Communication Consent:** I/We agree to be contacted by the organizing committee via the official email address and contact details provided in the registration form.
5. **Finality of Decisions:** I/We fully understand and acknowledge that the decisions made by the reviewer panel are final, binding, and not subject to appeal.

File Formats and Naming



Main Document / Manuscript

PDF format.



IRPC Video Pitch

MP4 format or an accessible video link that allows the reviewers to view the content without requiring additional permission requests.



Presentation Slides

Not used as a primary evaluation material for IRPC; these are strictly for AHIC as required, or used as a visual aid embedded within the IRPC video.



Supporting Documents

PDF, JPG, PNG, MP4, or accessible video links.



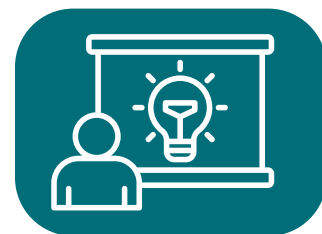
File Naming Convention

Category_TeamLeaderName_ShortTitle.

Examples:

- IRPC_AishaRahman_NCDPrevention_Abstract.pdf
- IRPC_AishaRahman_NCDPrevention_VideoPitch.mp4
- AHIC_BudiSantoso_MobileScreeningInnovation.pdf
- E2IPBC_MariaLee_WomensHealthPolicyBrief.pdf

IRPC Manuscript and Video Pitch Guidelines



Formatting and Submission Guidelines

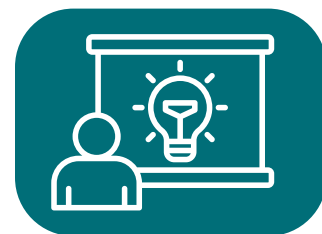
- Manuscript Length: Maximum of 1,500 words (excluding the title, author details, tables, figures, and reference list).
- Language: English.
- Font Type: Times New Roman.
- Font Size: 12 pt.
- Line Spacing: 1.5.
- Margins: 3 cm (top, bottom, left, right).
- Paper Size: A4.
- Reference Style: Vancouver citation style.
- Recommended Number of References: Maximum of 10–15 primary and current references (sources from the last 5 years are highly recommended).
- Maximum Figures/Tables: A maximum of 3 figures/tables combined (if applicable).
- File Format: PDF.
- Title Formatting: Bold, 14 pt, centered.
- Author Names: Bold, 11–12 pt, centered.
- Subheadings: Bold.
- Page Numbering: Bottom right.



Structure and Content Guidelines for Extended Abstract Submission – International Research Pitch Competition (IRPC)

| Section | Suggested Content |
|--------------------------|--|
| Title | A concise, clear, and informative research title. |
| Authors and Affiliations | Name of the team leader/members, institutional affiliation, country, and corresponding email address. |
| Background | Background of the problem, its urgency, and its relevance to NCDs, women's health, or the global/LMIC context. |
| Research Gap | The research gap or unresolved problem being addressed. |
| Objective | The primary objective of the study |
| Methods | Research design, population/sample, instruments, data collection procedures, and data analysis. |
| Expected Results | Expected outcomes or preliminary findings (if the research is currently in progress). |
| Potential Impact | Potential impact on healthcare practice, education, policy, society, or the advancement of science. |
| Feasibility | Feasibility of execution in terms of timeline, resources, data access, and institutional support. |
| Global / LMIC Relevance | Relevance to the global context or developing nations (LMICs). |
| Keywords | 3–5 keywords. |

IRPC Manuscript and Video Pitch Guidelines



IRPC Video Pitch Guidelines

- The video pitch must be 5–7 minutes in duration and conducted entirely in English.
- Submissions must be delivered as an accessible video link (e.g. Youtube or Google Drive); PowerPoint presentations (PPT/PPTX files) will not be accepted.
- The video must feature the participant delivering a research pitch in English.
- Presenters are expected to appear on-screen throughout the presentation.
- The use of supporting slides, including a single static slide, is permitted, provided it does not detract from the clarity of delivery and the substance of the presentation.

Structure and Content Guidelines for Research Pitch Video

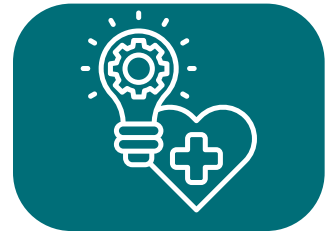


| Section | Suggested Content |
|---|---|
| Opening & Title | Briefly introduce the research title, the name of the presenter/team, institutional affiliation, and country. |
| Problem Statement | Explain the primary problem, its urgency, and its connection to NCDs, women's health, or global health challenges. |
| Research Gap & Rationale | Highlight the evidence gap, unmet need, or the rationale behind why this research is vital. |
| Research Objective | State the research objectives clearly and measurably. |
| Innovation / Novelty | Explain the novelty, core concept, or innovative aspects that differentiate this study from previous approaches. |
| Methods Overview | Provides a brief overview of the research design, target population, or the primary approach utilized |
| Expected Results / Preliminary Findings | Deliver the expected outcomes or preliminary findings if the study is currently in progress. |
| Potential Impact & Global Relevance | Explain the potential impact of the research on healthcare practice, policy, education, or society, as well as its relevance to the global or LMIC context. |

Video Quality Notes:

Use clear audio, adequate lighting, and readable text or visual materials. The presenter should be clearly visible on screen, and the presentation delivery should be understandable and engaging. Video resolution should be at least 720p, and the file must be playable by judges without technical issues. Avoid background music or sound effects that may distract from the presentation. Video links must remain accessible to judges without additional access requests until the entire review and judging process has been completed.

AHIC Innovation Description Guidelines



Formatting and Submission Guidelines

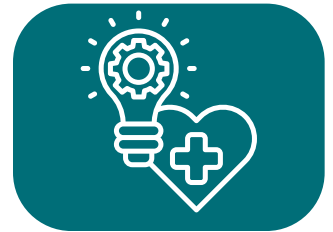
- Manuscript Length: Maximum of 2,000 words (excluding the title, author details, tables, figures, appendices, and reference list).
- Language: English.
- Font Type: Times New Roman.
- Font Size: 12 pt.
- Line Spacing: 1.5.
- Margins: 3 cm (top, bottom, left, right).
- Reference Style: Vancouver citation style.
- Recommended Number of References: Maximum of 10–15 primary and current references.
- Maximum Figures/Tables: A maximum of 5 components combined (including figures, illustrations, diagrams, prototypes, or tables).
- Visual Assets: Product photographs, prototype designs, innovation schematics, or supporting visuals may be included where relevant.
- Paper Size: A4.
- File Format: PDF.
- Title Formatting: Bold, 14 pt, centered.
- Author Names: Bold, 11–12 pt, centered.
- Subheadings: Bold.
- Page Numbering: Bottom right.



Structure and Content Guidelines for Innovation Description Submission – Applied Health Innovation Competition (AHIC)

| Section | Suggested Content |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Innovation Title | A concise, clear, and specific title that accurately reflects the proposed solution. |
| Team and Affiliations | Name of the team leader/members, institutional affiliation, country, and corresponding email address. |
| Problem Statement | Describe the health problem, health education issue, healthcare service, or community challenge to be addressed, and its alignment with the GAINS 2026 theme. |
| Significance of the Problem | Explain why the problem is vital, urgent, and relevant to current health challenges, particularly regarding NCDs, women's health, or the global/LMIC context. |
| Innovation Description | Explain the developed innovation, its mechanism of action, key features, target users, and its novelty compared to existing solutions. |
| Evidence Base / Scientific Foundation | Outline the scientific basis, preliminary data, pilot results, research findings, supporting theories, or other evidence validating the development of the innovation. |
| Implementation Plan | Describe the deployment strategy, target users, implementation sites, execution phases, and key resource requirements. |
| Potential Benefits and Impact | Explain the benefits and potential impact on healthcare services, education, communities, patients, healthcare professionals, policymakers, or the broader health system. |
| Feasibility and Scalability | Details the feasibility of implementation, replication potential, opportunities for broader expansion, and the long-term sustainability of the innovation. |
| Supporting Documentation | Includes relevant supporting documents such as photographs, preliminary data, pilot results, videos, prototype links, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), or other activity documentation. |

AHIC Innovation Description Guidelines



AHIC Presentation Slides Guideline

AHIC finalists are required to prepare their presentation materials in English in accordance with the following guidelines:

- File Format: Microsoft PowerPoint (.ppt / .pptx).
- Slide Count: A maximum of 10 slides (excluding the title slide and closing/acknowledgment slides).
- Aspect Ratio: 16:9 (Widescreen).
- Recommended Typography: Arial, Calibri, or Times New Roman.
- Minimum Font Size: 18 pt.
- Visual Content: Utilize visuals, diagrams, photographs, or infographics to illustrate and clarify the innovation concept.
- Text Density: Avoid the use of excessive text; Slides should be concise and easily readable.
- Core Evaluation Pillars: The presentation must emphasize novelty, usability, impact, feasibility, and scalability .
- Language: All presentation materials must be prepared entirely in English.



Recommended Structure for AHIC Presentation Slides

| Section | Suggested Content |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Title Slide | Innovation title, team name, institutional affiliation, country, and institutional logo (if applicable). |
| Problem and Urgency | Explain the core problem, its urgency, and the critical need for an innovative solution. |
| Target Users / Beneficiaries | Identify and describe the target users or stakeholders who will benefit directly from the innovation. |
| Innovation Overview | Provides a concise overview of the innovation, its core objectives, and the primary value proposition it offers. |
| Evidence Base | Outline the scientific basis, supporting theories, research findings, or existing literature validating the innovation. |
| How the Innovation Works | Detail the mechanism of action, key features, user workflow, or the operational process of the innovation. |
| Pilot Results / Preliminary Data | Present early outcomes, implementation documentation, prototype visuals, or supporting data. |
| Expected Impact | Articulate the benefits and measurable impact on society, healthcare services, education, or policy. |
| Feasibility and Scalability | Address the implementation feasibility, potential for broader scalability, and long-term viability of the innovation. |
| Closing Statement | Deliver the core takeaway message: why this innovation is vital, impactful, and deserving of development or support. |

Notes:

The innovation description should heavily emphasize the aspects of novelty, usefulness, feasibility, scalability, sustainability, and potential impact, as these criteria constitute vital components of the competition's evaluation rubric.

Evidence-to-Impact Policy Brief Competition Guidelines



Formatting and Submission Guidelines

- Manuscript Length: 2–4 pages (excluding the title page and reference list).
- Language: English.
- Typography: Times New Roman or Arial.
- Font Size: 11–12 pt.
- Line Spacing: 1.15–1.5.
- Margins: 2.5 cm on all sides.
- Reference Style: Vancouver citation style.
- Recommended Number of References: Maximum of 10–15 primary and current references.
- Data Visualization: Participants are highly encouraged to utilize infographics, diagrams, icons, concise tables, or data visualizations to maximize readability.
- Tone and Style: Submissions must employ clear, concise, persuasive, and decision-oriented language.
- Paper Size: A4.
- File Format: PDF.
- Title Formatting: Bold, 14–16 pt.
- Subheadings: Bold.



Structure and Content Guidelines for Policy Brief Submission – Evidence-to-Impact Policy Brief Competition (E2I-PBC)

| Section | Suggested Content |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Title | A concise, powerful, compelling, and policy-oriented title. |
| Target Audience | Identify the primary audience, such as governments, institutional bodies, professional organizations, the WHO, regulatory authorities, or other key stakeholders. |
| Executive Summary | A brief summary outlining the problem, core evidence, and policy recommendations (150–250 words) |
| Policy Problem | Formulate the policy problem clearly, highlighting its significance and relevance to current health issues |
| Evidence Summary | Present core evidence derived from research, national/international datasets, literature reviews, program outcomes, or implementation experiences |
| Policy Options | Outline viable alternative policy paths for consideration. |
| Recommended Policy Action | Deliver primary recommendations that are clear, realistic, operational, and actionable |
| Implementation Considerations | Details the facilitating factors, potential barriers, resource requirements, key actors, and execution strategies. |
| Expected Impact | Explain the potential impact on health systems, education, communities, or public policy. |
| References | List relevant, high-priority, and current references. |

Notes:

The policy brief should heavily emphasize evidence-based recommendations, feasibility, relevance, policy impact, and actionability, as these criteria constitute vital components of the evaluation rubric.

Pre-Submission Checklist

Before submitting your materials, please ensure that:

- 1 The selected competition category is correct.
- 2 The title is relevant and aligned with the GAINS 2026 theme.
- 3 The document is written entirely in English.
- 4 The word count and/or page limit comply with the requirements of the selected category.
- 5 The file name follows the prescribed naming format.
- 6 All team members, affiliations, and corresponding author information have been clearly stated.
- 7 The document format, font type, spacing, references, and submission requirements comply with the template guidelines.
- 8 All tables, figures, images, and supporting materials are complete and clearly presented.
- 9 References have been prepared according to the required citation style.
- 10 Ensure your file/folder link access is strictly set to "Anyone with the link can view".

For IRPC participants

- The 5–7 minute research pitch video is included in the cloud folder (in MP4 format) or a direct accessible link is provided.
- The presenter is visible on screen and the video link can be accessed by judges without additional permission.

For AHIC participants

- Supporting evidence and documentation (photos, pilot data, prototype visuals, or relevant supporting materials) are included in the cloud folder.

For E2I-PBC participants

- The target policy audience and recommended policy actions have been clearly specified.
- The originality statement has been completed and agreed upon.



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