

PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EDUCATORS – CENTRAL LUZON

invites you to the

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

"Ideation, Utilization, and Adoption: Strengthening the Research-to-Practice Cycle in IT Education"

The Philippine Society of Information Technology Educators (PSITE) – Central Luzon (Region III) will host the International Research Conference on Information Technology Education (IRCITE) 2026 on March 19, 2026, at the Valencia Hall, Bulacan State University, Bulihan, Malolos City, Bulacan.

PSITE, recognized as the nation's largest professional organization for Information Technology educators, regularly organizes conferences, conventions, and scholarly gatherings that promote innovation, research, and professional development. Through its diverse membership and strong institutional partnerships, PSITE provides a platform for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and continuous learning to address the evolving demands of IT education.

In an era marked by rapid technological advancement, IT education plays a crucial role in bridging the gap between research, innovation, and practical application. Educators, researchers, and practitioners are challenged not only to generate new knowledge but also to translate research outcomes into meaningful educational practices that respond to real-world needs.

The International Research Conference on Information Technology Education (IRCITE) 2026, organized by PSITE Region III, carries the theme "*Ideation, Utilization, and Adoption: Strengthening the Research-to-Practice Cycle in IT Education*." This theme emphasizes the importance of transforming innovative ideas into practical solutions and ensuring their effective adoption within educational institutions. The conference aims to highlight research-driven practices that enhance teaching, learning, and curriculum development in IT education.

IRCITE 2026 will bring together students, faculty members, researchers, and industry practitioners from graduate and undergraduate programs engaged in research. The conference will feature research presentations, roundtable discussions, and interactive sessions focused on emerging technologies, innovative pedagogies, and breakthrough applications in IT education. Opportunities for networking, collaboration, and skills development will also be provided through academic and social activities.

Ideation. The conference underscores the value of generating innovative research ideas that address current and future challenges in IT education. Participants are encouraged to present conceptual frameworks, exploratory studies, and novel approaches that contribute to knowledge creation and academic discourse.

Utilization. A key focus of IRCITE 2026 is the effective use of research outputs in teaching and learning environments. Sessions will showcase how research findings can be integrated into instructional strategies, curriculum design, and educational technologies to improve learning outcomes.

Adoption. The conference highlights the importance of institutional and stakeholder support in adopting research-based innovations. Discussions will explore strategies for scaling, implementing, and sustaining educational technologies and practices within academic and industry contexts.

Aligned with PSITE's commitment to advancing education and research, IRCITE 2026 will feature keynote addresses, technical paper presentations, panel discussions, and workshops covering areas such as artificial intelligence, data analytics, cybersecurity, cloud computing, educational technologies, and other emerging fields relevant to IT education.

Through this conference, iRCITE 2026 seeks to foster a vibrant community of IT educators and researchers dedicated to strengthening the research-to-practice cycle and advancing a responsive, innovative, and future-ready IT education landscape. Together, let us ideate, utilize, and adopt research-driven innovations to shape the future of IT education.

The conference includes plenary and break-out sessions divided into areas of research concentration. The topics include, but are not limited to the following:

COMPUTER SCIENCE	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Algorithms ● Bioinformatics ● Computer Graphics and Animation ● Computer Security ● Computer Vision ● Cryptography ● Cloud Computing ● Grid Computing ● Machine Learning ● Modeling and Simulation ● Natural Language Processing ● Pattern and Recognition ● Data Mining ● Pervasive Computing ● Robotics ● Big Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cybersecurity ● Mobile Applications ● Networked System ● Software Engineering ● Virtualization ● Multimedia Systems ● Game Development ● E-Learning ● Educational Software ● Social and Professional Issues in Computing Education
INFORMATION SYSTEMS	BUSINESS AND ANALYTICS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Decision Support System ● Expert Systems ● IT Planning, Management and Governance ● Management Information Systems ● Enterprise-wide Systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accounting Information Systems ● Business Analytics and Intelligence ● Business Processes E-Governance ● Delivery Systems and Environments ● Management Information and Control Systems ● Technology and Knowledge-based Entrepreneurship ● Technology Management and Operations

IMPORTANT DATES

Paper Submission and Certificate of No Presentation Deadline	February 2, 2026
Notification of Acceptance and Revisions	February 2-6, 2026
Deadline for Camera-ready Papers with Revisions	February 13, 2026
Deadline of Payment for Paper Presentations	February 13, 2026
Conference Date	March 19, 2026

PAPER SUBMISSION AND GUIDELINES

1. Authors are invited to submit original, unpublished full research papers for presentation at iRCITE 2026. Participants must be students pursuing an academic degree at the time of submission. There are five categories in this area (1) Graduate Studies, (2) Computer Science, (3) Information Technology, (4) Business and Analytics and (5) Information Systems.

2. The Conference Review Policy requires that each submitted paper will be peer-reviewed and accepted by at least three (3) reviewers for inclusion in the conference program, on PSITE Central Luzon Journal, the Central Lens Journal Proceedings. At least an author of each accepted paper is required to register and attend the conference to present. Please take note that only the registered author will receive a certificate of participation/presentation.
3. All manuscripts must be submitted electronically, in PDF and Word document forms using the IRCITE 2026 standard format template available here:

Sample Paper: [Sample Paper \(Click Me!\)](#)

4. Please submit your paper: [Paper Submission \(Click Me!\)](#) or <https://ircite2026.confeman.net/>

Note: Create an account before you submit your research papers.

5. A maximum of **eight (8) pages**, including an abstract of up to **250 words** will be allowed for each accepted paper in the proceedings.

6. All participants are required to submit a [certificate of no presentation](#) upon submission of the paper. After completing and signing the certification form, authors must email a scanned copy to psitecl.ircite@gmail.com.

Certificate of No Presentation:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1t9vZQ2wuuTEBDYVnXlvPG_MXkFIUEWE4v2chSuUU3d8/edit?usp=sharing

7. In addition, all accepted papers are required to submit a Turnitin similarity report to psitecl.ircite@gmail.com. Papers must meet an acceptable similarity index of **10%** or below to be eligible for presentation and publication.

8. An email notification confirming the acceptance of your paper for presentation will be sent to your email address provided in the ircite2026.confeman.net account from the official address of psitecl.ircite@gmail.com.

9. Once you receive the email notification confirming the acceptance of your paper for presentation, you can proceed with the [payment process of your registration fees](#) and then submit the revised version of the manuscript based on the recommendation of the peer reviewers, it must be submitted electronically in PDF and Word document forms using the standard format. Upload the revised copy of the manuscript to your ircite2026.confeman.net account. Accomplished the [IRCITE Final Paper Submission Form](#). (<https://forms.gle/iuYZ2R6y57rsuYdXA>)

10. At least one author of each accepted paper must register, attend, and present during the conference.

11. The registered paper authors who will participate in the paper and poster presentation will receive a certificate of participation as paper or poster presenters.

12. Questions, queries, or clarifications regarding rules or any other information concerning the paper presentation will be addressed to the Committee on Paper Presentation before the start of the presentation session. Violations in any of the above guidelines will mean automatic disqualification of the participants in the paper presentation.

13. By participating in the paper presentation, the authors of the paper agree to abide by the guidelines, terms, and conditions set. The decision of the PSITE board and invited reviewer(s) in the paper review is final and irrevocable.

PRESSENTATION GUIDELINES

1. The event has break-out sessions following the area of research concentration. During break-out sessions, the presenter will present his/her research concentration with a maximum time of 7 minutes. After the presentation, the presenter must make himself/herself available for a live question and answer portion with the panelist.
2. For the undergraduate papers accepted in the paper presentation, it must be the student proponents must make the presentation and presently available during the live question and answer with the panelist in the break-out session.
3. In some emergency cases, the student proponents are not available during the event and the faculty adviser will be the one to substitute during the breakout session presentation. The faculty adviser is not qualified to be a candidate for the Best Paper Presenter but can receive a certificate of participation.
4. The criteria for the best paper and best paper presenter are provided in the table below for reference.

For Best Paper Criteria Scoring

Criteria	Score
Research & theoretical framing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear and precise problem statement and/or the objective(s) of the designed system • Appropriate and adequate literature review on related technologies and technological solutions, and to establish the basic theoretical rooting of the design 	20
System design: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-articulation of a technologically rigorous design and development of the system • Design of pragmatically sound pedagogical, learning or assessment processes/strategies around the system (i.e., not just presentation of a 'plain' system) 	30
Evaluation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottomline: At least some software engineering-oriented test(s) that involved potential real users (e.g., students and/or teachers), such as usability test, user acceptance test, Alpha test, or Beta test, being conducted, with results being analyzed as well as discussion on how they have informed the refinement of the system. • Though not mandatory, a report on empirical pilot studies on actual pedagogical, learning, or assessment activities around the system is a plus. 	15
Discussion and Conclusion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of a continuing and significant research agenda (e.g., in terms of future system improvement and empirical studies) • Well-articulated limitations in the system design and the status of the study • Discussion of adaptability and scalability issues of the system, and the perspective of deploying the system in real-life pedagogical, learning or assessment practices 	20
Paper Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readability, coherence, effective organization and presentation of concepts, facts, expositions, etc. • Use of clear, concise, and comprehensible language 	15
Total Score	100

For Best Paper Presenter Criteria Scoring

Criteria	Score
Clarity of Presentation Clearness to perception or understanding of presentation	20
Ability of the presenter to explain the work Familiar with everything that is being covered and confident speaking about the subject matter. Giving a presentation on something implies that the presenter is an expert on the topic.	30
Appropriate Audio Visual Aids The appropriate Audio Visual Aids have content accuracy, appropriateness, diversity, and quality.	15
Proper Timing Discuss the topic properly within the time limit of 10 minutes for the presentation	20
Verbal Interaction with the Audience Providing value to the audience and addressing the audience from their perspective	15
Total Score	100

5. After the end of all presentations in the parallel break-out session, the announcement of winners to the Best Paper and Best Paper Presenter will be held at the main plenary where the prizes will be awarded to the Best Paper and Best Paper Presenter.

POSTER REGISTRATION AND PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

1. At least one author of each accepted paper for poster presentation must register, attend, and present during the conference, for registration and payment details see the link [here](#).
2. Prepare a tarpaulin containing the title and the most important graphic or table showing the results of your work. Discuss the results of your paper while the iRCITE 2026 participants and the committee of judges visit the poster of your work within the time limit of 10 minutes for the presentation. The tarpaulin has dimensions of **2x5 ft** portrait orientation. The poster should contain the following:
 - Title of the Work
 - Authors (and affiliation of each author)
 - Abstract
 - Objectives
 - Methodology
 - Main Results and Conclusion
 - References

Note: Each poster presenter is required to bring their own poster standee.

3. Criteria of judging for Best Poster Presenter see table below for reference.

For Best Poster Presenter Criteria Scoring

Criteria	Score
Poster Design and Organization How effective is the poster design in showing the content of the subject and how valuable is each figure or graph in furthering the viewer's understanding of the subject?	60
Ability of the presenter to explain the work Familiar with everything that is being covered and confident speaking about the subject matter. Giving a presentation on something implies that the presenter is an expert on the subject.	20
Clarity of Presentation Clearness to perception or understanding of presentation.	20

	Total Score	100
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4. After the end of all poster presentations, the announcement of the winner of the Best Poster Presenter will be held at the main plenary together giving the cash prize will be awarded to the Best Poster Presenter.

REGISTRATION FEES

Payment Categories	Early Bird Payment (Feb. 13-20, 2026)	Regular Payment (Feb 21 - Feb. 28, 2026)	Late Payment (March 1 - 6, 2026)
Undergraduate Presenter	Php. 2,700.00	Php. 3,000.00	Php. 3,500.00
Graduate Students Paper Presenter/Main Author/ Teachers	Php. 3,900.00	Php. 4,300.00	Php. 4,700.00
International Delegates	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00

PAYMENT DETAILS

To register, please deposit all payments through our PSITE Region 3 account:

Account Name: PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EDUCATORS (PSITE) FOUNDATION, INC.

Account No.: 0731-0206-63 (PESO ACCOUNT)

Bank Branch: BANK OF PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ANGELES NEPO MART CITY BRANCH

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Bank: GCash

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Kindly scan your proof of payment and register thru [IRCITE 2026 Registration Payment Form](https://forms.gle/zPicuqpXhvqqJhgh9) (<https://forms.gle/zPicuqpXhvqqJhgh9>)

Kindly scan and e-mail your proof of payment to PSITE Region 3 email: psite.region3@gmail.com (other contact information provided below). Only those whose payments are received on or before **February 13, 2026** will be included in the conference proceedings.

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PUBLICATION GUIDELINES

All accepted papers will be included in the Central Lens Journal conference proceedings with an International Standard Serial Number (ISSN). The ISSN is a national and international standard for serial publications.

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