

**IEEE SMCS International Summer School on  
Artificial Intelligence for Cognitive Technologies 2026**

**IEEE ISACT 2026**

**29th June to 3rd July | Singapore**

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**Scope**

We are pleased to announce that the 2026 IEEE SMCS International Summer School on Artificial Intelligence for Cognitive Technologies (IEEE ISACT 2026) will be held from the 29<sup>th</sup> of June to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, in Singapore.

Artificial Intelligence in Cognitive Technologies is a burgeoning field that has garnered significant interest from the industry in recent years. International School on Artificial Intelligence for Cognitive Technologies (ISACT), designed specifically for Master and PhD students, early career researchers, and industry professionals, aims to present the fundamental aspects of AI in cognitive technologies within an interdisciplinary context, focusing on Human-Computer Interaction (HCI), Brain-Computer Interface (BCI), Explainable AI (XAI), and related technologies. This dynamic and intensive programme offers a unique opportunity to delve into the cutting-edge intersections of AI and cognitive technologies, guided by world-renowned experts in the field. Participants will engage in a rigorous curriculum that includes hands-on workshops, insightful lectures, and collaborative projects, all aimed at enhancing skills and fostering innovation. Network with peers, gain invaluable insights, and advance your research or career in the rapidly evolving landscape of AI. To make this school an interactive learning experience, we would encourage the participants to share their research presentations during the school.

This year's edition intends to bring together academia and industry to provide a large practical perspective to master and PhD students, as well as to young industry personnel. Attendees will be able to extend their knowledge in both theoretical and practical aspects of:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Explainable AI (XAI)
- AI Ethics and Algorithmic Fairness
- Brain-Computer Interaction (BCI)
- Human-Computer Interaction (HCI)

This event will be hosted by Nanyang Technological University (NTU), which is Singapore's second oldest autonomous university and boasts the country's largest campus. This occasion presents a splendid opportunity to learn about pioneering developments in engineering and AI, meet fellow students and academics, discuss ideas with experts, and simply enjoy a world-class research environment in western Singapore.

**Important Dates**

Application (with travel grant) Deadline:  
**30<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Notification of Acceptance (including travel grant):  
**6<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Application (without travel grant) Deadline:  
**30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

School Date:  
**29<sup>th</sup> June - 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026**

**School Programme (tentative, further details are on the website):**

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| Day 1 | Artificial Intelligence            |
| Day 2 | Brain-Computer Interaction         |
| Day 3 | Human Computer Interaction         |
| Day 4 | Explainable AI                     |
| Day 5 | AI Ethics and Algorithmic Fairness |

**Application Procedure:**

The application (with travel grant) deadline is 30<sup>th</sup> March. Please complete the application form at <https://isact-org.github.io/apply> and upload your CV to <https://isact-org.github.io/cv>. Additionally, we are also accepting applications for travel grants. The travel grant is intended to cover the costs of travel to the school's venue. To apply for a travel grant, the application must include an additional list of estimated travel costs to Naples. It will also be possible to apply for the school until 30<sup>th</sup> November, but travel grant applications will not be accepted. For further information, please refer to <https://isact-org.github.io> or send an email to [isact.org@proton.me](mailto:isact.org@proton.me)

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