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## **IARCO 2025**

### **2nd International Academic Research Competition (IARCO) 2025**

We are pleased to announce the **2nd** International Academic Research Competition (IARCO) 2025, a global **solo (individual-only)** research competition open to students and researchers around the world.

Important: IARCO is not a research course. It is a competitive academic research event. However, to support and guide participants, we will provide four pre-recorded bootcamp classes on “How to Write a Research Proposal”, led by experienced researchers.

#### **Competition Categories:**

1. Junior Category
  - Eligible for students in Grades/Class 7–12, including Gap Year students.
2. Senior Category
  - Open to anyone from first-year undergraduates to doctoral-level researchers and beyond. No academic level restrictions.

#### **Research Topics:**

Participants may submit research proposals in any academic field, including but not limited to:

- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)
- Medicine and Health Sciences
- Humanities (History, Philosophy, Theology, etc.)
- Social Sciences (Economics, Psychology, Political Science, etc.)
- Interdisciplinary subjects are welcome

#### **Awards & Recognition (Per Category):**

- Gold Medalist: \$300 USD
- Silver Medalist: \$200 USD
- Bronze Medalist: \$100 USD
- Honorable Mentions (Ranks 4th–10th)

All winners will receive official certificates and global recognition via our website and social platforms.



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### Application Deadlines:

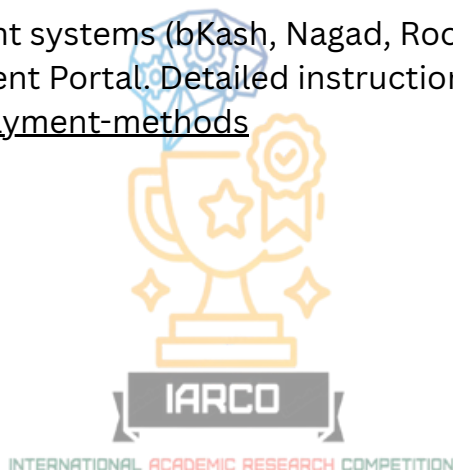
- Final Application Deadline: August 28, 2025 (by 11:59 PM GMT)

### Application Fees:

- Fee: \$15 USD (or Tk 500 for Bangladeshi students)
- **Note: All application fees are non-refundable.**

### Payment Instructions:

- International Participants:
  - Pay securely via the [Hack Club Bank \(HCB\) YRJ Donation Page](#) using Stripe (Credit/Debit Card). Payment link will be provided on the application page.
- Bangladeshi Participants:
  - Pay using local payment systems (bKash, Nagad, Rocket, or bank transfer) via the YRJ Bangladeshi Payment Portal. Detailed instructions are available at: <https://yrjournal.org/payment-methods>



### International Registration Link:

- Junior (7-12+ Gap Year): <https://forms.gle/qtWMuN1Ha6ZdT19m9>
- Senior (BS 1<sup>st</sup> Day to any age): <https://forms.gle/GaDgWkARY5aidUhp9>

### Bangladeshi Registration Link:

- Junior (7-12+ Gap Year): <https://forms.gle/eZMcp8bLh224YFFo8>
- Senior (BS 1<sup>st</sup> Day to any age): <https://forms.gle/VeFpcZzKGa2BMAqS7>



## Payment Instructions for International Students

Please read carefully before proceeding with your payment:

- Ensure that you submit the exact registration fee amount as stated for your application category.
- Overpayments or incorrect amounts will be automatically treated as a donation to YRJ and will not be refunded or adjusted toward your registration.
- We strongly advise you to double-check the payment details before completing your transaction.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [hcb.hackclub.com/donations/start/youth-research-journal](https://hcb.hackclub.com/donations/start/youth-research-journal). The page displays a dropdown menu for registration fees with options: "Early Registration Fee: \$15" (selected), "Deadline: July 28, 2025", and "Regular Registration Fee: \$20". Below this, there are tabs for "One-time" (selected) and "Monthly". The form fields include: "Your name" (Md Sanaul Haque Shanto), "Your email" (shanto@gmail.com), "Message" (IARCO25: USA, Senior.), and "Donation amount (USD)" (\$ 15.00). There is a checkbox for "I'm receiving goods for this donation." and a green "Continue" button.

## How to Pay as an International Student (via HCB YRJ Donation Page)

Please follow the steps below to complete your registration payment correctly:

1. Open the [HCB Youth Research Journal \(YRJ\) Donation Link](#).
2. Select "One-time" as the donation type.
3. Enter your full name and a valid email address.
4. In the Message field, write the following:
5. IARCO25: [Your Full Country Name], [Your Category – Junior/Senior]
6. (Example: IARCO25: Canada, Senior)
7. Pay the correct amount based on your registration type:
  - \$15 USD for Registration

Important Notes:

- If you pay \$15 after the Deadline, it will be counted as a donation to YRJ and not as a valid registration.
  - Any amount other than the official registration fee will also be considered a donation.
  - All registration payments are non-refundable.
1. After reviewing the information, click the "Continue" button to proceed with your payment.



## Payment

Hi Sanaul Haque,

Please enter your payment information for your contribution of \$2.00.

Card

Secure, 1-click checkout with Link

Card number  
1234 1234 1234 1234

Expiration date  
MM / YY

Security code  
CVC

Country  
Bangladesh

Donate \$2.00

### Final Payment Step – For International Participants

To complete your registration payment:

1. Enter your internationally/USD enabled Credit/Debit Card details on the payment page.
2. Click the “Donate” button to proceed.
3. Note: While the default amount may show as \$2, you must manually enter either \$15 (Registration) depending on your deadline. This amount must be paid in a single transaction.
4. Split payments are not accepted for IARCO 2025 Registration. Ensure the full amount is submitted in one payment.
5. After successful payment:
  - Note the last 4 digits of your card
  - Record the exact date and time of your transaction

### After Completing Your Payment

Please follow these final steps carefully to ensure your registration is properly processed:

1. Record the last 4 digits of your card used for the payment.
2. Note the exact date and time when your payment was made.
3. When filling out the official Google Registration Form, make sure to use the same full name and email address you used during the payment process.

### Confirmation & Next Steps

- You will not receive a separate confirmation email from IARCO immediately.
- Instead, the automated receipt from HCB (Hack Club Bank) serves as your official payment confirmation for IARCO 2025.
- All registered participants will receive a detailed instruction email by September 5, 2025.
- Due to the high volume of registrations, we are unable to send individual confirmation messages at this stage.



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### What to Expect from IARCO 2025 & How the Competition Will Be Conducted

We are committed to delivering a meaningful and structured research experience through the 2nd International Academic Research Competition (IARCO) 2025. Below is an overview of what participants can expect and how the competition will be conducted:

#### Access & Bootcamp Launch

- On September 5, 2025, all confirmed participants will receive access to our official Google Classroom or Canvas platform.
- This platform will host:
  - Pre-recorded Bootcamp Classes on How to Write a Research Proposal
  - Important documents, guidelines, deadlines, and submission links

#### Live Guest Speaker Sessions

- Between September 15 and October 15, 2025, participants will have the opportunity to join live virtual sessions hosted on Google Meet, featuring expert guest speakers from various fields.
- Details and schedules for these sessions will be included in your welcome package on September 5.

#### Assessment & Submission Process

1. Research Proposal Submission:
  - You will be provided a link to submit your research proposal.
  - Your proposal will be evaluated based on the IARCO Research Proposal Rubric.
2. Assessment Form Requirement:
  - You must complete an online Assessment Form after reviewing the bootcamp materials.
  - A minimum score of 70% is required to be eligible for a Participation Certificate.

#### Finalist Selection & Video Pitch Round

- Based on the proposal evaluations, finalists will be selected.
- Finalists will then be required to submit a Video Pitch of their project.
- The video pitch will be judged using the IARCO Video Pitch Rubric.

#### Winner Selection & Recognition

- Final results will be determined using the IARCO Judging Algorithm, which considers both the research proposal and video pitch scores.
- Top winners will receive:
  - Official Scorecard with detailed rubric scores
  - International recognition and awards as announced



## **IARCO Research Proposal Marks Distribution and Rules**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Context</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>
<b>Research Problem</b>	What is the background of this problem? Is the need for research clearly identified?	<b>20</b>
<b>Existing Literature</b>	What has been written about your topic before? Is the existing body of knowledge clearly addressed?	<b>10</b>
<b>Research Question</b>	Does your proposal contain a central research question? Is the question specific enough?	<b>25</b>
<b>Methodology</b>	How will this research be conducted? Is the methodology clearly laid out?	<b>25</b>
<b>Research Topic</b>	Is the topic creative, innovative, and/or urgent? Does the proposal justify the need to research this topic?	<b>15</b>
<b>Quality of Writing</b>	Is the proposal free of grammatical errors? Is the writing clear? Is it directed toward an appropriate audience?	<b>5</b>

## **Research Proposal Submission Guidelines—IARCO:**

- Students from all disciplines—including Medical, Humanities, STEM, and others—are welcome to apply.
- However, submissions must be original and must not include any institutional logos or professor names. Submitting a thesis project, proposal, or video pitch that includes such references will result in disqualification without prior notice.
- Proposals generated using AI or large language models will also be disqualified without prior notice.
- We require all submissions to follow the IEEE in-text citation and reference style. Using any other citation style will result in significant point deductions.
- We utilize leading plagiarism detection tools used by top research institutions, including AI-specific checks (e.g., iThenticate). A non-repository checker is used, so your work remains private after the competition—except for the Top 20 proposals, which will be publicly accessible. A detailed scoreboard will be available only for the winners.
- Submission Requirements:
  - A mandatory cover page including: Full Name, Institution, Class/Grade/Year, Country, Major (if senior), and Submission Date.
  - Only category toppers will be invited for a Video Pitch Round and notified via our official website and email.
- Please download our Research Proposal Template before submitting:  
[https://iarco.org/assets/doc/proposal\\_template.docx](https://iarco.org/assets/doc/proposal_template.docx)
- For guidance, refer to last year's winning proposal available on our website. More question visit our FAQ Section:  
<https://iarco.org/faq>





## **IARCO Video Presentation Marks Distribution and Rules**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Context</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>
<b>Persuasiveness</b>	Is the video persuasive? Does it utilize effective rhetorical techniques to convince viewers of the need for research on this topic?	<b>20</b>
<b>Video Quality</b>	Does the video look professional? Does it contain clear audio, clear video quality, effective lighting, and clear delivery?	<b>20</b>
<b>Research Problem</b>	Does the video clearly state the need for research? Does the video build upon the research problem addressed in the proposal?	<b>20</b>
<b>Research Question</b>	Does the video clearly state the research question? Does the video build upon the research question addressed in the proposal?	<b>20</b>
<b>Methodology</b>	Is the proposed methodology clear? Does the video build upon the research methodology addressed in the proposal?	<b>20</b>

## **Video Pitch Submission Guidelines—IARCO:**

- Place the IARCO logo at the bottom left corner throughout the entire video. Max Video Duration: 5 Minutes.
- Use of AI-generated voices is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification without prior notice.
- You can not use any institution logo or your professor's name and submit your thesis project on proposal or video pitch slides and will be disqualified without prior notice.
- Do not use copyrighted music. Showing your face is encouraged but not mandatory.
- You may use OBS Studio (free software) for screen recording and voice capture. Always verify audio quality before submitting.
- The first slide of your presentation must include: Your full name, institution name, class/grade, date, & country. You must clearly state verbally in your video that you are submitting your pitch to IARCO.
- The top 10 video pitches will be published through our public media channels.
- You are authorized for this use only and may not distribute the content elsewhere.
- IARCO retains full copyright of all submitted materials. All research proposals and videos will be archived; however, only the top 20 from each category will be made publicly accessible.
- View our Previous year's Pitch for Idea: <https://www.youtube.com/@iarcomp>



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## IARCO 2024 Statistics

Junior: 51 students came from 36+ Schools

Senior: 67 students came from 50+ Universities



### Participated Countries



Bangladesh



Indonesia



kyrgyzstan

More: <https://iarco.org/2024-finalists>

## IARCO 2024 Result

[\[How we judge\]](#) | [\[ScoreCard\]](#)

Junior

Senior

Rank	Name	Country	Score	Research Proposal	Video Pitch
1	<b>Shafi Bin Sultan</b> St Joseph Higher Secondary School		158	<a href="#">View Proposal</a>	<a href="#">View Pitch</a>
2	<b>Adira Safwan</b> Maple Leaf International School		154	<a href="#">View Proposal</a>	<a href="#">View Pitch</a>
3	<b>Andi Filzah Dahiyah Liana</b> Mizan Z Kotla Makassar		151	<a href="#">View Proposal</a>	<a href="#">View Pitch</a>

Junior

Senior

Rank	Name	Country	Score	Research Proposal	Video Pitch
1	<b>Sanjana Hasan</b> Orsha University of Engineering & Technology		156	<a href="#">View Proposal</a>	<a href="#">View Pitch</a>
2	<b>Mohammad Ebtisam Jawad</b> Premier University		153	<a href="#">View Proposal</a>	<a href="#">View Pitch</a>
3	<b>Arafat Rahman</b> American International University Bangladesh		151	<a href="#">View Proposal</a>	<a href="#">View Pitch</a>

More: <https://iarco.org/2024-winners>





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### Important Notice About Registration Confirmation

Please note that IARCO is a competition, not a traditional program or course, so we do not send immediate confirmation emails upon registration.

All successfully registered participants are automatically eligible to take part in the competition.

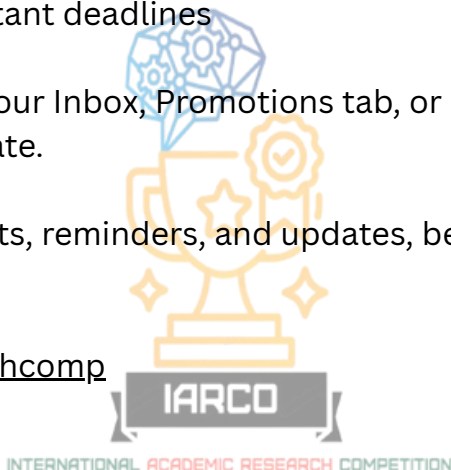
You will receive a detailed information email on September 5, 2025, which will include:

- Access to Google Classroom/Canvas
- Bootcamp class links
- Proposal submission instructions
- Assessment and important deadlines

This email may appear in your Inbox, Promotions tab, or Spam folder, so please check all folders carefully on that date.

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Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to your participation in IARCO 2025!

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