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): $20 USD each

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

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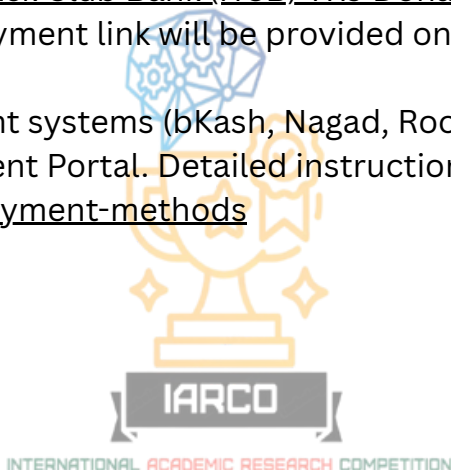
Application Deadlines:

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

Application Fees:

- Early Bird Fee: $15 USD (or Tk 500 for Bangladeshi students)
- Regular Fee: $20 USD (or Tk 700 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 1st Day to any age): https://forms.gle/GaDgWkARY5aidUhp9

Bangladeshi Registration Link:

- Junior (7-12+ Gap Year): https://forms.gle/eZMcp8bLh224YFFo8
- Senior (BS 1st 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.

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 Early Registration
    - $20 USD for Regular Registration

Important Notes:
- If you pay $15 after the Early 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.

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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   VISA

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 (Early Registration) or $20 (Regular 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.

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

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

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
- 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

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

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
🏅	**Shafi Bin Sultan** St Joseph Higher Secondary School	🇧🇩	158	View Proposal	View Pitch
🏅	**Adira Safwan** Maple Leaf International School	🇧🇩	154	View Proposal	View Pitch
🏅	**Andi Filzah Dahiyah Liana** Min 2 Kota Makassar	🇮🇩	151	View Proposal	View Pitch

Junior **Senior**

Rank	Name	Country	Score	Research Proposal	Video Pitch
🏅	**Sanjana Hasan** Dhaka University of Engineering & Technology	🇧🇩	156	View Proposal	View Pitch
🏅	**Mohammad Ebtisam Jawad** Premier University	🇧🇩	153	View Proposal	View Pitch
🏅	**Arafat Rahman** American International University Bangladesh	🇧🇩	151	View Proposal	View Pitch

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

IARCO 2024 Media Coverage

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Source: <u>Tezzfeed</u> Website
Source: <u>Tezzfeed</u> Facebook

Source: <u>Bongo Wiki</u> Website
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Source: <u>InfoGram Bangladesh</u>

Partner with Us — Become a Sponsor for IARCO 2025

We are currently welcoming sponsors from around the world to join us in empowering the next generation of researchers and innovators through the 2nd International Academic Research Competition (IARCO) 2025.

Our vision is to make IARCO one of the world's most prestigious research competitions, offering students and young researchers not only recognition but also a transformative learning experience that prepares them for future innovation, leadership, and contributions to humanity.

Despite our global ambitions, we operate with limited resources. Our current prize pool is modest, but we firmly believe that with the support of generous and mission-driven sponsors like you, we can offer meaningful, well-deserved rewards to our winners and finalists.

Why Sponsor IARCO?

- Support an independent, non-template-based academic competition that emphasizes originality and real-world impact.
- Help us cover essential operational costs, including:
  - Winner prizes
  - Platform maintenance and payment gateway fees
  - Honorariums for mentors, guest speakers, and judges
  - Access to premium tools (e.g., plagiarism checkers, proposal review software)
- Contribute to a diverse, international educational platform that is accessible and inclusive.
- Gain visibility among top student researchers and future leaders from dozens of countries.

How You Can Support

- Financial Sponsorships to increase prize amounts and cover competition infrastructure
- In-Kind Contributions, such as software licenses, premium tools, or educational resources
- SaaS/Product Sponsorships: If you are a SaaS provider, consider offering your services or tools to our winners or finalists
- Custom Partnership Opportunities – Let's build something meaningful together

If you are interested in sponsoring IARCO 2025 or would like to explore partnership opportunities, please reach out to us directly at: ✉ **sponsor@iarco.org**

We're excited to hear from individuals, companies, and organizations who share our passion for education, innovation, and global equity.

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Support Youth Research Journal — Make a Global Impact

If you believe in the power of education, innovation, and youth-led research, we invite you to donate to Youth Research Journal (YRJ). Your contribution will help us:

- Make research accessible worldwide
- Host the IARCO competition at a greater scale, with increased prize funds and global participation
- Invite world-class experts across various disciplines to mentor and inspire our students
- Build a more innovative and research-driven future

How to Donate

You can donate using the same secure Hack Club Bank platform used for IARCO registration:

- Visit the donation link
- Enter your preferred amount (any amount is welcome)
- Fill in your name and email
- In the message box, write: YRJ General Donation
- Submit your payment using an internationally/USD enabled credit/debit card

Your generosity will directly impact students around the globe and help shape the future of research and innovation.

Donation Link: https://hcb.hackclub.com/donations/start/youth-research-journal

Account details ✕

ⓘ Deposit-only

Account	Routing
424406867980757	121145307

SWIFT/BIC Code ?	CLNOUS66
Company Name	Youth Research Journal C/O Hack Club
Company Address	8605 Santa Monica Blvd #86294 West Hollywood, CA 90069
Bank Name	Column N.A.
Bank Address	1110 Gorgas Avenue, Suite A4-700 San Francisco, CA 94129

This account can receive direct deposits, but not direct debits.

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.
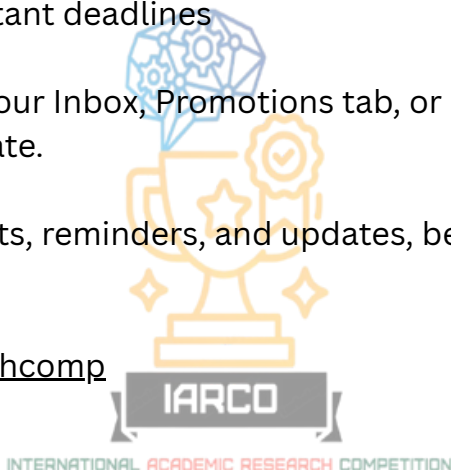
You will receive a detailed information email on September 5, 2025, which will include:
- Access to Google Classroom/Canvas
- Bootcamp class links
- Proposal submission instructions
- Assessment and important deadlines

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

For ongoing announcements, reminders, and updates, be sure to follow us on all social media platforms:
- Facebook: @iarco.org
- Instagram: @intresearchcomp
- LinkedIn: @iarco
- YouTube: @iarcomp
- Website: iarco.org

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

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