2026 Call for Student Participation

We invite proposals for exemplary capstone projects to be presented in poster format by students currently enrolled in, or who have recently completed, a capstone design course. From these accepted proposals, students may also be invited to participate on a panel. The conference will also feature workshops and other engaging events.

Student project submissions must include two main components:

1. **Description** from the student(s) of the **design topic and solution** (200-300 words), including:
   a. Project background and need/motivation (80 to 120 words)
   b. Technical design solution proposed/implemented and possibly tested, design process followed during the project, as well as design lessons learned (180 to 220 words)
2. **Discussion** from the student(s) of how their process/experience is **relevant** to at least one area of interest that is generalizable to conference attendees, regardless of engineering discipline. This could include topics such as ideation, risk management, team conflict resolution/management, project management, system engineering, iterative design journey, adaptability, etc. (200-300 words)

Student project submissions must be accompanied by a **faculty member endorsement** explaining the exceptional nature of the project/process, as well as the potential of the student(s) to contribute to panel discussions (<300 words)

Student project submissions will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- **Content:** The project topic or the design solution is innovative and/or compelling
- **Design process and solution**: The technical design as well as the design process of the project, is well thought out, explained, and evaluated.
- **Relevance:** The project process/experience links to at least one area of interest that is generalizable to conference attendees, regardless of engineering discipline
- **Communication:** The proposal demonstrates solid communication skills (clarity, organization, etc.)
- **Endorsement:** The faculty member's endorsement is strong

Submissions and faculty endorsements are due by **February 27, 2026**. Acceptance decisions will be made and communicated by **April 1, 2026**.

Conference registration fees, hotel, and travel support will be provided for one undergraduate participant per accepted team. Additional student team members are encouraged to seek funding support from their university. Student nominees must indicate in their submission form that they can and will attend the conference and participate in the poster session if accepted.

Students should submit their nomination at https://forms.gle/j2ghSwMat8S2QxX17

Faculty members should submit their endorsements at https://forms.gle/2PbQy315mE5KTdP7A

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