

IMRC 2026 – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Who is eligible to submit a paper to IMRC 2026?

Faculty members, researchers, industry professionals, and students enrolled full-time at recognised institutions are eligible to submit papers under the applicable registration categories. For the Domestic Student category, participants must be registered students with full-time enrolment at an Indian institution.

2. Can undergraduate (UG), postgraduate (PG), and school students submit papers to IMRC 2026?

UG students are not eligible to submit papers independently but may be included as co-authors, provided the corresponding/submitting author is an eligible faculty member. PG students may submit papers if they meet the applicable eligibility requirements. School students are not eligible to submit papers or attend the conference.

3. Should I submit a full paper or an extended abstract?

Submission requirements vary by conference track. Some tracks require an extended abstract, while others require a full paper. Please refer to the respective conference track page.

4. What is the submission deadline?

The submission deadline for IMRC 2026 conference tracks is 20 July 2026. This deadline applies to both extended abstracts and full papers, depending on the respective conference track.

5. Can the submission deadline be extended?

Any changes to the submission deadline will be announced on the IMRC 2026 website.

6. Where can I find the submission guidelines and formatting requirements?

Submission guidelines, formatting requirements, and track-specific instructions are available on the respective conference track pages of the IMRC 2026 website.

7. Can I submit papers to more than one conference track?

Yes. Authors may submit multiple papers across different conference tracks, provided each submission is made separately.

8. Can I use the same email address for multiple submissions?

Yes. The same email address may be used for multiple submissions. Each paper must be submitted separately.

9. Can I submit the same paper to multiple conference tracks?

No. Each paper should be submitted to only one conference track.

10. What if my paper is more relevant to another conference track?

If the Track Chairs determine that your paper is better suited to another conference track, they may recommend that you submit it to the more appropriate track.

11. Can I submit a book instead of a research paper?

No. IMRC 2026 accepts only research papers or extended abstracts, as specified under the respective conference tracks.

12. Is conference registration required for all co-authors?

No. Only authors who intend to attend the conference are required to register. The presenting/corresponding author must be registered.

13. Will IMRC 2026 be conducted online or offline?

As of now, IMRC 2026 will be conducted entirely in offline mode at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad.

14. Can undergraduate or postgraduate students attend the conference without submitting a paper?

Yes. Undergraduate and postgraduate students may attend by registering under the applicable participant category. School students are not permitted to attend the conference.

15. Will accepted papers be published?

IMRC 2026 does not have conference proceedings. An Abstract Booklet containing the accepted submissions will be released during the conference.

16. Are there any publication opportunities associated with IMRC 2026?

Selected high-quality submissions to IMRC 2026 will be invited for consideration of publication in Vikalpa: The Journal for Decision Makers - the flagship management journal of the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, published by SAGE.

17. Can an undergraduate co-author present the paper?

No. The eligible faculty member serving as the (main) corresponding/presenting author is required to present the paper.

18. Can a paper have multiple co-authors?

Yes. A paper may have multiple co-authors. The corresponding/presenting author must meet the conference eligibility requirements.

19. Is the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools permitted while preparing a submission?

While the use of AI tools is generally discouraged, authors may use them for language editing, grammar, or improving readability. All intellectual content, analysis, interpretations, and conclusions remain the sole responsibility of the authors.

Authors must disclose:

- AI tool name.
- Purpose of use.

20. Is the registration fee charged per author or per paper?

The registration fee is charged on a per-author basis.

21. For multi-author papers, is registration required for only the presenting author or for all authors?

Only authors who wish to attend the conference are required to register. It is not mandatory for all co-authors to register. However, each author attending the conference must complete the registration process individually.

22. If only the presenting author registers and presents the paper, will all co-authors receive presentation certificates?

No. The presentation certificate will be issued only to the registered author who attends the conference and presents the paper.

23. What does the conference registration fee include?

The registration fee includes access to all conference sessions (except the Networking Forum), two high tea sessions, three lunches, one conference dinner, and a conference kit.

24. Are there any fee concessions or travel grants available?

Travel grants are available only for selected PhD students, subject to the conference policy and selection process.

25. Will an extended abstract be considered if it slightly exceeds the prescribed word limit?

A minor variation in the prescribed word limit (approximately ± 20 –25 words) is generally acceptable. However, authors are encouraged to make every effort to remain within the specified word limit for their respective conference track.

26. If I am not formally associated with any institution, am I eligible to participate in the conference?

Yes. You are welcome to attend IMRC 2026 as a participant by registering under the applicable registration category. However, you will not be eligible to submit a paper independently if you are not affiliated with a recognized institution, as per the conference eligibility criteria.

27. Can I submit work that has already been published elsewhere or research that is still in progress?

Research that is currently in progress may be submitted, provided it meets the submission requirements of the respective conference track. However, work that has already been published in journals, conference proceedings, books, or other publication outlets is not eligible for submission.