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CALL FOR POSTERS

Portugal-US Partnerships 2026 Summit

From Knowledge to Competitiveness in Science, Technology and Innovation

Reitoria, University of Aveiro, Portugal | 30 October 2026

Submission Window: 05 August 2026 – 16 September 2026

Submission Portal: [Portugal-US Partnerships 2026 Summit » Homepage](#)

1. Conference Overview

The Carnegie Mellon Portugal Program, MIT Portugal Program, and UT Austin Portugal Program - three flagship international research partnerships supported by the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) and the Portuguese Ministry for Science, Innovation and Higher Education — are pleased to announce the Call for Posters for their first Joint Conference, to be held on 30 October 2026 at the University of Aveiro, Portugal.

This joint event brings together the three transatlantic partnerships to reflect on a decade of collaborative research and education, to celebrate scientific achievements, and to chart a common vision for future engagement. The summit will feature plenary sessions, thematic panels, and a dedicated Research Poster Session designed to highlight the breadth and depth of scientific work enabled by the Partnerships.

2. Poster Session Objectives

The Research Poster Session constitutes a central activity of the Joint Conference 2026. Its primary objectives are to:

- Provide PhD and MSc students with a high-visibility platform to disseminate their scientific findings to an interdisciplinary and international audience;
- Foster direct scientific exchange, cross-disciplinary dialogue, and the identification of synergies across research teams supported by the three programs;
- Demonstrate the cumulative scientific and societal impact of the Partnerships across their respective research domains;
- Recognize and celebrate scientific excellence among the communities formed and sustained by the Carnegie Mellon Portugal, MIT Portugal, and UT Austin Portugal Programs.

3. Eligibility Criteria

The Call for Posters is open to the following category of contributors:

3.1 Phase 4 Supported Beneficiaries

The Call is open to MSc and PhD students, including PhD graduates who concluded their degree during Phase 4, provided they are, or have been, active under Phase 4 of the Carnegie Mellon Portugal, MIT Portugal, or UT Austin Portugal Programs and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Participation in mobility or entrepreneurship programs;
- Support through research projects or research grants funded or enabled by one of the Programs;
- Holding, or having held, a PhD scholarship funded through one of the Programs.

3.2 Research Scope

All submitted work must fall within the strategic research areas of the three Partnerships and demonstrate a clear link to activities, projects, or collaborations funded or enabled by the MIT Portugal, Carnegie Mellon Portugal, or UT Austin Portugal programs.

4. Thematic Areas

Submissions are invited within — but are not restricted to — the following thematic areas, which reflect the strategic research priorities of the three Partnerships:

Thematic Area	Sub-topics
Digital Technologies, Advanced Computing and Artificial Intelligence	– Advanced Computing, including High-Performance Computing and AI – Information and Communication Technology – Digital Transformation in Industry and Manufacturing
Space, Climate and Sustainable Systems	– Space–Earth Technologies – Earth and Climate Systems Science – Clean Energy and Sustainable Systems – Sustainable Cities and Urban Systems
Advanced Materials, Manufacturing and Engineering	– Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials – Advanced Manufacturing – Industrial Engineering
Health Technologies and Biomedical Engineering	– Biomedical Engineering – Health Technologies – Digital Health – Neurosciences
Innovation and Public Policies	– Knowledge Transfer – Public Policies – Innovation Ecosystems – Entrepreneurship – Industry–Academia Collaboration

Interdisciplinary submissions that bridge multiple thematic areas are strongly encouraged. Authors should indicate the primary thematic area in their abstract submission and may optionally indicate a secondary area.

5. Submission Guidelines

5.1 Abstract Submission (First Stage)

All applicants must first submit an extended abstract for review by the Scientific Committee. The abstract must be submitted electronically via the submission portal indicated below, by the stated deadline.

The abstract must include:

- Title of the poster;
- Names, affiliations, and contact details of all authors; the presenting author must be clearly identified;
- Primary and (optionally) secondary thematic area(s);
- Eligibility category (Please refer to [sub-section 3.1](#) of these Guidelines)
- Funding acknowledgement and program affiliation (e.g., CMU Portugal Dual Degree, MIT Portugal Research Grant, UT Austin Portugal Short-Term Research Internships, TechLaunch 2025);
- Extended abstract of max. 2,500 characters with spaces — structured as follows: (i) research context and objectives; (ii) methodology; (iii) main results or expected outcomes; (iv) scientific contribution and broader impact.

Abstracts must be written in English and submitted via the conference portal after registration.

5.2 Poster Proposal Evaluation and Acceptance (Second Stage)

All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee to verify compliance with the eligibility requirements ([section 3](#)) and submission guidelines ([section 5](#)).

As the number of poster presentation slots is limited, eligible submissions will be considered in the order in which complete abstract submissions are received, until all available poster slots have been allocated.

Slots allocation per partnership are:

- CMU Portugal – 30 slots
- MIT Portugal – 30 slots
- UT Austin Portugal -30 slots

FOR MIT Portugal STUDENTS ONLY:

A qualitative peer-review process will be conducted exclusively for abstracts submitted by MSc and PhD students enrolled in activities in MIT (USA) as described in 6.1.

Authors will be notified of the outcome according to the conference timeline.

5.3 Poster Preparation (Third Stage — Upon Acceptance)

Authors whose abstracts are accepted will be invited to prepare and submit a full poster in accordance with the official conference poster template and design guidelines, to be made available on the conference website following notification of acceptance.

Accepted posters must:

- Conform to the prescribed A0 portrait format (841 × 1189 mm) and the official template;
- Clearly present the research objectives, methodology, key results, and conclusions;
- Demonstrate scientific and technical rigor consistent with the standards of peer-reviewed publications;
- Highlight innovation, societal impact, or potential for technology transfer where applicable;
- Acknowledge support from the relevant Partnership(s) and funding source(s);
- Be submitted as a print-ready PDF file (minimum 150 dpi) by 18 October 2026.

The submitted PDF file will be used by the Conference Organising Committee for printing. Authors are **not required to print or bring their posters** to the conference, as posters production will be arranged and covered by the organisers.

5.3 Submission Portal

Extended abstracts must be submitted electronically through the official submission portal:

<https://usptsummit2026.admeus.org/>

6. Review and Selection Process

All abstract submissions will be screened by a Joint Committee to ensure they meet the eligibility requirements, scientific standards, and thematic scope of the conference.

6.1 Qualitative Review Process (MIT Portugal Program MSc and PhD Students Only)

A qualitative peer-review process will be conducted exclusively for abstracts submitted by MSc and PhD students enrolled in activities in MIT (USA). The primary purpose of this evaluation is to assess the scientific quality of student submissions. For students currently enrolled at MIT (USA), the results of this review will also be used to determine eligibility for travel support to attend the conference, subject to abstract acceptance.

The review will be conducted by the Joint Scientific MIT Portugal Committee. Eligible submissions will be assessed according to the following criteria:

Evaluation Criterion	Weight
Scientific and Technical Quality	40%
Originality and Novelty of Contribution to the field	35%
Relevance to Partnership Thematic Areas	15%
Potential for Societal Impact or Technology Transfer	10%

Authors will be notified of the outcome according to the conference timeline.

7. Presentation Requirements

Accepted posters will be displayed during the dedicated Research Poster Session on 30 October 2026. This session constitutes a core program element of the Joint Conference.

- All presenting authors are required to be physically present at the conference to stand by their poster throughout the duration of the session and to engage in scientific discussion with conference delegates;
- Physical printed posters will be displayed at the designated locations by 09:00 on 30 October 2026.

8. Poster Awards

To recognise outstanding contributions to the scientific program, the Portugal-US Partnerships 2026 Summit Poster Awards will be presented during the Closing Session.

Three awards will be presented to the highest-ranked posters, irrespective of thematic area or participant category:

- 1st Place Poster Award
- 2nd Place Poster Award
- 3rd Place Poster Award

The Poster Awards will be determined by a vote of the conference participants through the official conference app. Each registered participant may cast one vote for their preferred poster during the designated voting period. The three posters receiving the highest number of votes will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place, respectively. The award recipients will be announced during the conference Closing Session.

9. Important Dates

Milestone	Date
Call for Posters Opens	06 August 2026
Submission Deadline	16 September 2026, 23:59 (Lisbon time, WET)
Notification of Acceptance	End of September 2026
Final Poster File Due (Print-Ready)	18 October 2026
Joint Conference and Poster Session	30 October 2026

All deadlines correspond to 23:59 Western European Time (WET, UTC+0). Late submissions will not be considered. Authors are strongly advised to submit well in advance of the deadline to allow for any technical or administrative issues to be resolved.

9. Contact and Further Information

For enquiries regarding eligibility, the submission process, poster preparation guidelines, or any other aspect of the Call for Posters, please contact the Portugal-US Partnerships 2026 Summit Secretariat:

Joint Conference 2026 — Poster Session Enquiries

Email: info@mitportugal.org

Conference website: <https://usptsummit2026.admeus.org/>

Full programme information, speaker profiles, session descriptions, the abstract template, poster template, and registration details will be published progressively on the official conference website. Authors are encouraged to monitor the website and their registered email addresses for updates.

We look forward to welcoming outstanding scientific contributions from the communities nurtured by the MIT Portugal, Carnegie Mellon Portugal, and UT Austin Portugal Partnerships.

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