

Call for Abstracts: Student Poster Session

Co-located with PANDA 2026: Pan-Asian Data and AI Collaboration in Biomedicine

Date: 11 November 2026 (afternoon), followed by the gala dinner

Location: City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Website: <https://uchicago.hk/event/panda-2026-pan-asia-data-and-ai-collaboration-biomedicine>

Leveraging AI in biomedical research needs large, diverse and well-governed data, yet Asian populations remain underrepresented in the datasets that train today's models. This can introduce bias and limit how well these tools serve patients across the region. Clinical data are scarce, sensitive and held by a small number of hospitals, biobanks and national programs, so no single institution or country can build large enough cohorts alone, especially for rare diseases. Cross-border collaboration that protects patient privacy is therefore a necessity. Advances in federated learning, secure data sharing, data harmonization standards and ethical AI governance now make such collaboration feasible. They open new opportunities for data commons, medical imaging, precision diagnostics, drug discovery and clinical AI that are representative, trustworthy and relevant to diverse populations. PANDA 2026, the Pan-Asian Data and AI Collaboration in Biomedicine symposium, brings together leading researchers from academic medical centers, AI governance experts and industry partners from across Asia and the US. To inspire and motivate the next generation of researchers, a separate, designated Student Poster Session will be co-located with PANDA 2026 on the afternoon of 11 November, followed by the gala dinner. We invite undergraduate, Master's and PhD students to present original work at the intersection of biomedicine, data and AI.

Why present at the Student Poster Session

- **Meet top journal editors.** Editors from Cancer Cell, NEJM AI, Cell, Nature Sensors, Science Advances and more will join us.
- **Get reviewed by leading experts.** The committee has invited all PANDA 2026 guest speakers to serve as reviewers and evaluate your submissions.
- **Compete for awards.** Posters are judged on site, with awards presented at the close of the session.
- **Celebrate at the gala dinner.** All presenters of accepted abstracts are invited to the PANDA 2026 gala dinner on the evening of 11 November.
- **Travel funds.** Limited travel funding is available on a need basis. Application details will be announced soon.

Topics: Any area of biomedical data and AI is welcome, especially data commons and data sharing, medical imaging, precision diagnostics and therapeutics, drug discovery, EHR, robotics, and regenerative medicine.

Submission Guidelines

Eligibility: Undergraduate, Master's and PhD students are welcome to submit. The presenting author must attend in person.

Format: Abstracts are limited to 300 words, with one optional figure, and must be submitted as a PDF. Review is single-blind.

Submission: <https://openreview.net/group?id=PANDA/2026/Symposium>. All authors need an OpenReview profile. Please create yours early with your university email, since new profiles can take time to be approved.

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Key Dates

- Deadline for Submission: 15 October 2026, 23:59 (GMT+8)
- Decision Notification: 29 October 2026
- Student Poster Session and Gala Dinner: 11 November 2026 (afternoon and evening)