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Embracing Industrial Collaboration for Quality Higher Education

APQN Academic Conference (AAC) and Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Guidelines for Paper Submission

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All Conference participants are invited to present a paper on a topic of your choice related to one of the following sub-themes:

Sub-themes

- Professional Relevance and quality of Higher Education: Collaboration and Integration with Industry
- Innovation and quality in Higher Education Curriculum and Pedagogy in line with industry collaborations
- Fostering quality of flexible learning pathways
- Driving for excellence in Higher Education: Role of External Quality Assurance

Each proposal should include the following:

- (i) A Paper of no more than 3000 words in length, including the appendices, tables, illustrations, and photographs;
- (ii) An abstract of around 200 words;
- (iii) A bio-sketch of up to 100 words;
- (iv) One photo of the author.

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If the paper is selected, you will have:

- 15 minutes for presentation;
- 10-15 minutes for questions/discussion at the end of the session.

All submissions must be in English.

You should submit your proposal by using the Portal and provide the above documents as attachments: (i)-(iii) in Word format, (iv) in JPEG.

Each file should be labelled with the number of the sub-theme and the full name of the main author, e.g., as: **(i) John-LEWIS** (this means it is a proposal under sub-theme (i) and is submitted by John LEWIS (all capitals for last name)).

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Timeline & Key Dates

Call for papers	20 May - 15 Aug 2025
Announcement of selected papers for presentation	15 Sep 2025
Confirmation of attendance by presenters	30 Sep 2025
Early bird registration	1 Aug - 30 Sep 2025
Regular registration	1 - 31 Oct 2025
Submission of presentation slides/materials to be used for presentation	30 Oct 2025

It is the responsibility of the paper presenters to register for the Conference and make arrangements for travel and accommodation. Information on registration fees and logistics is available in the corresponding webpages.

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