



# INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTRY CEYLON

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## *Inter-University Chemical Innovation Competition 2026*

Organized by the Innovation and Product Development Committee

### APPLICATION FORM AND GUIDELINES

This competition aims to recognize and reward undergraduate and postgraduate research Chemistry-based innovations that demonstrate excellence in innovation with potential commercial, societal, and environmental impact. Applicants are expected to complete this form carefully and comprehensively. Incomplete or ambiguous submissions will not be considered for evaluation.

Please ensure that at least 60–70% of the innovation is based on chemically related principles. Interdisciplinary components may contribute up to 40%. Avoid disclosing confidential or patentable information.

Based on these guidelines, please prepare your application including all the sections and parts.

### **Eligible Applicants**

1. Undergraduates who are conducting or completed their research
2. Graduated Students who have completed, and within two years of the Graduation.
3. Postgraduate Students who conduct MPhil, PhD or MSc Research in a university or a private institution.
4. Research Students in Government/private Research Facility

### Timeline of Events

Competition Announcement	10 <sup>th</sup> of November, 2025
Application Deadline	31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2026
Feedback to the Selected Candidates	Before the 15 <sup>th</sup> of February, 2026
Competition Evaluation	June, 2026
Awards, and Certificates	I.Chem.C Annual Sessions, June, 2026

### **Submission Guidelines**

- Submit as a single PDF document (maximum 10 pages, including figures).
- File naming format: University\_TeamName\_ProjectTitle.pdf
- Submission link or email: [innovation@ichemc.edu.lk](mailto:innovation@ichemc.edu.lk)
- Deadline: 31st January, 2026 23.59 Hrs
- Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

# Application Template

## Section 1 – Team Information

Project Title	
Institution / University	
Academic Level	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Postgraduate
Department / Faculty	
Team Members (Maximum 4)	1. 2. 3. 4.
Faculty Advisor(s)/Supervisor(s)	Name / Department / Email / Contact No.

## Section 2 – Project Summary (Maximum 300 Words)

Provide a concise summary describing the background, problem addressed, and the core objectives of your innovation.

## Section 3 – Technical Details

- 3.1 Description of the Chemical Innovation
- 3.2 Methodology / Process Flow
- 3.3 Integration of Other Disciplines (if any ISO/SLSI standards, etc)

## Section 4 – Innovation & Impact

- 4.1 Novelty & Unique Value Proposition
- 4.2 Practical Applications & Use Cases
- 4.3 Societal / Environmental Impact

## Section 5 – TRL - Prototype / Proof-of-Concept

- Laboratory Study     Pilot Scale     Prototype     Field Test

Attach relevant figures, pictures, or schematics if available.

**Please refer to the Self Evaluation Rubrics Document**

## Section 6 – Commercial & Entrepreneurial Aspects (Total 500 words)

- 6.1 Market Potential
- 6.2 Cost Considerations
- 6.3 Scalability Plan

## Section 7 – References & Acknowledgements

List any references, collaborations, or institutional support received. Mention funding sources if applicable.

## Section 8 – Impact Area Selection

Select one Major Impact Area and one Minor (optional). Mark with ✓.

Impact Area	Major (✓)	Minor (✓)
Sustainability and Environmental Solutions (Clean Air, Land, Water)		
Energy (Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, Battery Technology, Efficient Energy Use)		
Food, Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal, Herbal, and Cosmetic Products		
Agriculture (Crop Enhancement, Bio-fertilizers, Soil Improvement)		
Chemical Industry (Product Development, Process Innovation, Value Addition)		
AI Systems for Scientific and Chemical Innovations		
New Product Development		
Any other (Projects that belong to none of the above)		

**Declaration**

We hereby declare that this submission represents our original work and does not infringe upon any existing intellectual property.

Name	Signature	Date
Team Leader		
Faculty Advisor/Supervisor		
Department Head		

