



APT Young Professionals and Students Programme (APTYPS) 2026

GUIDELINE

1. Background

The APT Strategic Plan 2024–2026 highlights the vital role of telecommunication and ICT in the Asia-Pacific region in empowering the young generation by providing opportunities to enhance their knowledge, skills, and practical experience in the ICT field. In line with this strategic direction, the 49th Session of the Management Committee of the APT approved the APT Young Professionals and Students Programme (APTYPS) as an activity under the APT Work Programme for 2026 and allocated a budget for its implementation. *In 2026, APTYPS strengthens its focus on gender equality and the empowerment of the youth through ICT.*

Building on the strong outcomes of previous APTYPS activities and incorporating recommendations from members at one of the APT events held in 2025, i.e., the 22nd APT Telecommunication/ICT Development Forum (ADF-22), APTYPS 2026 will expand in scale and scope through multi-country collaborations, industry engagement, or increased resource mobilization.

2. Objectives

APTYPS is an event that aims to encourage young professionals and students to develop their knowledge and skills on ICT in the Asia-Pacific region.

The specific objectives of APTYPS include:

- To disseminate knowledge about developments in the ICT sector and to encourage young professionals and students to actively participate in promoting the application of ICT.
- To draw upon the enthusiasm and skill of young professionals and students for various activities concerning the development of ICT.
- To provide a platform to discuss special issues of interest to the young professionals and students.
- To raise awareness among the professionals and students from the Asia-Pacific region about APT activities.
- To build up a future resource base for the benefit of APT members.
- To provide opportunity for girls/women to know their potentials through the advantage of ICT.
- To support achieving SDGs (Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls) through ICT.

3. Outline of APTYPS

3.1 Member administrations are invited to submit proposals, national or multi-country activities, including joint proposals, in accordance with the requirements outlined in

Section 4 (“Required Information for Proposal Submission”) below, to organize an APTYPS event.

- 3.2 APT may facilitate the provision of the following support from its industry partners upon request.
 - Financial sponsorship
 - Technical expertise, mentorship, and speakers
 - Provision of tools, platforms, datasets, or prizes
 - Co-branding and co-creation of programme themes aligned with industry trends
- 3.3 Upon selection, APTYPS will provide financial support of up to USD 5,000 for each approved event. However, multi-country proposals or proposals which may be joined industry partners would be granted more financial/in-kind support subject to further coordination with industry.
- 3.4 After completion of the event, a final report and financial documents should be submitted to APT Secretariat.

4. Required Information for Proposal Submission

In the proposal, the following items should be clearly described together with the description of expected industry engagements.

- 4.1 Objective
 - Describe the purpose(s) of the event/activity.
- 4.2 Theme/topic
 - Describe the theme or topic of the proposed event. The theme should be ICT-related and aligned with the annual focus of APTYPS. For 2026, APTYPS prioritizes gender equality and the empowerment of the youth through ICT.
- 4.3 Type of activity
 - Describe what kind of activity is planned. (e.g. Essay Contest, Hackathon, CTF Challenge, Lecture, Programming, Training, Workshop, Bootcamp, etc.)
- 4.4 Target of participants
 - Describe the criteria of targeting participants, such as
 - Education (e.g., high school/university students, vocational training, etc.)
 - Age eligibility range (if applicable)
 - Gender, if any (e.g., “ICT4Women”)
 - Etc.
- 4.5 Tentative time schedule
 - Describe a work plan in preparation, implementation and follow up.
 - The event/activity should be completed by the end of this year (December 2026).
- 4.6 Budget plan
 - Describe the details of financial resources (name of organizations and support), if any other than APT.
- 4.7 Venue
 - Describe the venue of the event/activity.
- 4.8 Number of participants

- Provide the expected number of participants.
- 4.9 Description of the event
- Provide a brief implementation scenario, how you conduct the event (e.g. participation is by a team or as individual, award (how many and how much), etc.)
- 4.10 Public relations
- Describe the plan for public relations on this event.
- 4.11 Partnership
- Provide information of partner organization(s), if any.
 - Upon request, APT may facilitate the provision of the following support from its industry partners. Please indicate clearly.
 - Financial sponsorship
 - Technical expertise, mentorship, and speakers
 - Provision of tools, platforms, datasets, or prizes
 - Co-branding and co-creation of programme themes aligned with industry trends
- 4.12 Others
- If the event is planned to be a part of a bigger activity/event, please indicate it and describe the overall outline of the big activity/event.
 - If your administration submits more than one proposal, please indicate the order of priority by numbering the proposals from 1 onward.

5. Selection

- 5.1 APTYPS is open to APT Member administrations only.
- 5.2 The number of proposals to be selected will be subject to the availability of the budget.
- 5.3 Priority may be given to Member administrations that have never organized the APTYPS before.
- 5.4 APT Secretariat will consult interested industry partners to review the proposals.

6. Payment Method of APT Financial Support

- 6.1 Upon receiving the project completion report and financial report, including documentary evidences such as invoices, receipts, APT Secretariat will determine the total amount of the financial support from APT based on the actual expenditure. The maximum amount of the support is USD 5,000 unless it is multi-country proposal or with industry engagement.
- 6.2 If the total expenditure exceeds the approved budget, then the excess amount shall be borne by the Member administration.

7. Reporting to the APT Secretariat

The following reports should be submitted to the APT Secretariat within 3 weeks after the completion of the event.

- 7.1 A report providing an overview of the event and its outcomes.
- 7.2 An accounting report attached with all original invoices/receipts related to the event.

8. Contact

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References:

Further details on past activities conducted under the APT Young Professionals and Students Programme (APTYPS) can be found at <https://apt.int/apt/APTYPS>.