



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

ACBSP REGION 10 ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

February 26 – March 2, 2025

**S. P. Mandali's Prin. L. N. Welingkar Institute of Management Development and Research
(WeSchool), Mumbai**

Questions related to the evaluator's training session

1. What is the evaluator's training?

A: The training will prepare evaluators for attending site visits and participating in the peer review process. The workshop will cover essential criteria within Unified Standards and the approach to Unified Tables and discuss the critical steps for preparing for a site visit peer review. It will emphasize effective communication with the team chair and institution, addressing specific requirements and requesting additional documentation. The importance of thorough preparation before the consensus call to ensure a successful site visit will be communicated.

***Limited seats ! Register at the earliest**

2. Who can attend this training?

A: Only participants from ACBSP member institutions can attend this session.

3. Is it a paid session?

A: Yes. The fee for the session is USD 100. The fee can be paid during the online registration process on this website.

Questions related to paper track submissions

4. Will the abstracts be published?

A: Yes, all abstracts of full papers shortlisted and presented at the conference will be included in the conference proceedings with ISBN, which will be published subsequently.

5. Does acceptance for conference presentations guarantee publication?

A: All papers presented at the conference will be shared with the journals associated with this conference for further review for potential publication. However, the acceptance for conference presentations does not guarantee publication in conference-related journals as the publication will be determined by the respective journals' review process.

6. Should every author of a research paper fill out the submission form?

A: No. It is sufficient for only one of the authors of a research paper to fill out the submission form. Making multiple submissions of the same paper will create confusion.

Questions related to the School of Thought (business pitches)

7. What should I do to prepare for the School of Thought competition?

A: You need to have a business idea that is novel and demonstrates its potential impact on stakeholders. Additionally, the idea must be scalable. (Additional details regarding the submission requirements are available on this website).

8. What documents should be submitted?

A: The following documents are mandatory:

- A pitch deck (pdf format)
- An executive summary (pdf format)
- A competitive analysis (pdf format)



The following documents are optional:

- An introductory video (30secs max in mp4 format, & 100mb maximum size)
- Financial information

It would also be beneficial to demonstrate your product or service during the final round in Mumbai.

9. Is participation free?

A: Yes, participation is free. At least one member of your team must be from an ACBSP member institution.

10. How are the teams formed?

A: You must form your team based on your business idea. Just make sure one of the team members belongs to the ACBSP-member institution.

11. Who can participate?

A: Only students (undergraduate, postgraduate, or PhD) are eligible to participate.

12. Do all team members have to be from the same college?

A: Student participants can be from different colleges or universities. There has to be at least one member from an ACBSP-member institution.

13. Can I form a team with members from different educational backgrounds?

A: Yes, you can form a team that includes non-management students, as long as at least one team member is from an ACBSP-member institution. For example, if you have a business student and a computer science student on your team, you are eligible to compete.

14. Can I form a team with both undergraduate and postgraduate students?

A: Yes, you can form a team that includes both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

15. Is a mentoring facility available for the participants?

A: Yes. Seasoned entrepreneurs and investors will mentor the shortlisted teams through boot camp sessions. This session will offer advice on how to improve the business pitches and the overall presentation.

16. Will the boot camp be held online or offline?

A: The boot camp will be held online. The dates for the boot camp will be announced later.

17. Will the presentation by the shortlisted teams be online or offline?

A: The presentations of the shortlisted teams will be offline and held at WeSchool, Mumbai.

18. Can I participate if my institute is not a member of ACBSP?

A: Yes, you can participate in the competition. However, at least one member of your team must be from an ACBSP member institution.

19. I want to participate but my institute is not an ACBSP member. How can I connect with ACBSP students who share my interests?

A: If you have a strong idea and need a team member with the required skill set, you may connect with ACBSP member institutes to find a member and then participate.

20. Can I participate individually?

A: No, you must participate as part of a team comprising two to three members.



21. Does my startup need to be registered, or do I need to have a final product ready?

A: Students can present their ideas, but having tested your product or service in the market will give you an advantage and demonstrate your entrepreneurial spirit.

Questions related to registration

22. Do I need to register for the conference?

A: Yes, every participant who wishes to attend the conference must register individually.

23. Can I register as a group?

A: Registration must be done individually.

24. What is included in the registration fee?

A: The registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, coffee/tea, snacks, a conference kit, an opportunity to get reviews from research experts on your work, opportunities to network with a global community, and a cultural evening with dinner.

25. Does the registration fee cover accommodation?

A: The registration fee does not include accommodation. Participants are responsible for making their lodging arrangements. WeSchool has listed a few good hotels nearby for participants' information.

26. Can we cancel our registration?

A: Yes, you can cancel your registration for a conference and get a refund. The process for the same is you have to write an application mentioning the reason for cancellation and send it to us – acbspconf2025@welingkar.org

Questions related to the Mumbai Day excursion

28. How can I register for the excursion?

A: While registering for the conference, the payment gateway will give an option to register for the excursion.

29. What does the excursion fee include?

A: The Mumbai Day excursion includes the services of a knowledgeable tour host, transportation, lunch on both days and a cultural heritage tour. Shopping and other incidental expenses are excluded from the cost.

30. What time will it be scheduled to start

A: It is scheduled to begin by 8 am.

31. What should I bring with me on the Mumbai Day excursion?

A: The following items are suggested:

- Comfortable footwear/ walking shoes
- Weather-appropriate clothing (e.g., cotton clothes, a hat, umbrella)
- Sunglasses / Sunscreen
- Personal identification (ID or passport)
- Water bottle and snacks (if desired)
- Medicines (if any)

32. Is lunch provided?

A: Yes, lunch will be provided on both days.



33. Is it a guided tour?

A: Yes. This is a guided tour with subject experts.

34. What is the level of physical activity?

A: The excursion involves light walking.

Questions related to the Immersion India cultural evening

35. What is the date and time of the Cultural Evening?

A: The cultural evening will take place on February 27, 2025, tentatively, from 6 pm IST onwards.

36. Where is the Cultural Evening being held?

A: The event will be held on the rooftop of WeSchool, Mumbai campus.

37. Is there a dress code for the Immersion India cultural evening?

A: The dress code for the evening is smart casual/semi-formal. It would be great if you would like to wear traditional attire from your culture!

38. What activities will take place during the event?

A: The Immersion India cultural evening promises an evening of music, dancing, networking, scrumptious food, etc.

General Queries

39. When will the final conference schedule be available?

A: The final schedule of the conference will be included in the conference kit, which participants will receive upon reporting to the conference on the morning of February 27, 2025.

40. I want to participate but my institution is not an ACBSP member. How can I connect with ACBSP students who share similar interests?

A: You can join online forums, social media groups, or networking events that focus on ACBSP students and pitch competitions. We also encourage you to reach out through your school's alumni network.

41. Who can qualify for the awards?

A: While the "Best of Region" award, the "Student Showcase" award, and the "School of Thought" award are exclusively for ACBSP members, research studies submitted by non-ACBSP members are eligible for awards sponsored by WeSchool.

42. What is the nearest airport?

A: The nearest Airport is Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport; Mumbai and the distance is approximately 10 km.

43. Are there other hotels available near the venue?

A: Yes. We suggest you research online for options.



44. Can you recommend nearby hotels?

A: Yes, we recommend the following hotels:

Name of the Hotel and Address	Contact No.	Distance from Campus
<u>Ramee Guestline (4*)</u> Ramee Guestline Hotel Plot, 3, Swami Gyan Jivandas Marg, opp. Swaminarayan Temple, Dadar (East). Mumbai - 400014	022-69247900	1.0 km
<u>Pritam Midtown (4*)</u> Dharamputra Pritam Estate, Dadar TT Cir, Dadar East. Mumbai, 400014	022-24145555	1.2 km
<u>ITC Grand Central Parel (5*)</u> Address: 287, Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar Rd, Parel. Mumbai- 400012	022-24101010	3.7 km
<u>Hotel Hilltop Worli (3*)</u> Sea Link, 43, Sir Pochkhanawala Rd, Municipal Colony, Near, Worli, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400030	022-6650 2000	6.0 km
<u>Hotel Bloom Worli (3*)</u> Dr Elijah Moses Rd, next to Four Seasons, Gandhi Nagar, Upper Worli, Hotel, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400018	08108478280	6.0 km
<u>The St.Regis Mumbai (5*)</u> 462, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel Mumbai - 400013	022-61628000	6.4 km
<u>Four Seasons Hotel Mumbai (5*)</u> 1/136, Dr. Elijah Moses Rd, Gandhi Nagar, Upper Worli, Worli. Mumbai - 400018	022-69828000	6.9 km
<u>Ramee Techome Hotel Khar (4*)</u> Plot No-786/787, Rd No. 3, Govind Dham, Khar West, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400052	022-68255555	7.0 km

45. Conference venue address and how to reach the campus?

A: The conference will be held at the WeSchool Mumbai campus. The address is:
S. P. Mandali's Prin. L. N. Welingkar Institute of Management Development and Research,
L. Napoo Road, Opp. Matunga Gymkhana, Matunga (CR). Mumbai – 400019. India.

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