

Terms of Reference

Scholarship for the 5th AICEE Participation

by ASEAN Climate Change and Energy Project (ACCEPT) Phase II

Background

The 10 ASEAN Member States have demonstrated their commitment to addressing climate change through their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which outline both emission reduction targets and climate adaptation strategies. Given that the energy sector significantly contributes to greenhouse gas emissions, effectively addressing the energy-climate nexus is essential for ASEAN to achieve its net-zero ambitions.

The [ASEAN Climate Change and Energy Project \(ACCEPT\)](#), a collaboration between the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) and the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), is ASEAN's first integrated initiative which targeting the intersection of energy and climate. ACCEPT supports ASEAN's energy transition in alignment with the goals outlined in the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC). Building upon the achievements of [ACCEPT Phase I \(2018–2022\)](#), [ACCEPT Phase II](#) seeks to enhance knowledge dissemination, capacity building, and regional cooperation, further accelerating ASEAN's transition to a low-carbon economy.

As part of our ongoing efforts, ACCEPT is pleased to contribute as the Academic Partner of the 5th ASEAN International Conference on Energy and Environment (5th AICEE) 2025. ACCEPT will play a key role in reviewing submitted abstracts as well as developing the full paper submission. Researchers whose work aligns with ACCEPT's objectives will have the opportunity to receive sponsorship to present their findings at the conference and may also submit their papers for publication in the IOP Conference Series.

This initiative seeks to:

- 1) Address regional challenges related to energy security, climate change, and sustainable development.
- 2) Support innovative research on energy-climate issues within ASEAN.
- 3) Provide policymakers with evidence-based recommendations to guide data-driven policymaking.

By participating in this initiative, researchers can contribute to the region's transition towards a sustainable and resilient energy future while gaining recognition and support for their work.

Deliverables

The paper should be completed according to the timeline published for the 5th AICEE. At the end of the engagement, the researchers/experts are required to complete and submit the following deliverable:

- 1. One (1) paper publication under the 5th AICEE publisher; with an acknowledgement of ACCEPT II as the main sponsor.**

2. The development of the paper should be carried out in collaboration with the ACCEPT II team. The paper must include all contributors, including those from ACCEPT, as co-authors.

Eligibility and Evaluation

A. Topic Selection

The topic selection is based on the 5th AICEE topic options, with more focus on net zero or carbon neutrality effort:

- Low Carbon and Emerging Technologies
- Energy Efficiency Technologies and Measures
- Regional Energy Cooperation and Interconnection
- Just and Inclusive Energy Transition
- Energy, Environment, and Climate Policy
- Energy Investment

B. Eligibility Criteria

The applicant(s) should meet the following requirements:

- **Women researcher(s)** are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Individuals or groups of researchers or institutions are eligible to apply, but **only one (1) person** will be funded to attend the Conference.
- Proven knowledge, understanding, and experience of energy-climate or chosen topic at the ASEAN level is an advantage.
- The paper should focus on topics related to **net-zero or carbon neutrality or at least addressing the energy-climate nexus within its content.**
- A proven academic record in terms of publishing in peer-reviewed international journals and competence on a topic related to net-zero emissions, carbon neutrality or energy transition is an advantage.

Expected Timeline and Covered Conference Fee

Timeline*	
June 2025	Abstract Submission
July 2025	Abstract Acceptance
August 2025	Conference Registration
October 2025	Conference Day
December 2025	Full Paper Submission
March 2026	Peer Review
June 2026	Publication (subject to confirmation with the IOP)
Conference Fee*	
Presenter	USD 350
Publication Fee*	
Paper Publication to IOP	USD 150

*Further information for Non-Presenter fee is available on [AICEE Website](#). Any additional updates regarding the timeline and conference details will be updated through email.

Scholarships

For the authors of the five selected abstracts, the ACCEPT team will provide funding support that includes:

- One return economy-class flight ticket for one person, from a Southeast Asian country to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Per diem for two days in Kuala Lumpur, based on the UN DSA rate. The per diem is intended to cover accommodation, local transportation, and meals during the event, and **will be arranged by the participant**.
 - *Local participants residing in Kuala Lumpur will receive DSA only (excluding accommodation), and are not eligible for flight support*
- Conference registration fee for one presenter.
- Publication fee for one paper.

Scholarship Registration

1. Click the link below to apply for ACCEPT Scholarship for the 5th AICEE in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia <https://go.aseanenergy.org/5thAICEEScholarship>
2. Fill all required fields and ensure all information is correct and accurate, as it **cannot be changed after submission**.

Mechanism of Grants Disbursement for Scholarships

1. The registration fee will be directly transferred by ACCEPT Team to the Event Organiser; hence, there is no need for the awardees to make payment when registering on the registration dashboard.
2. DSA will be transferred to the awardees' registered bank details on commencement day. The transfer process will take approximately 2-5 working days for international transactions (depending on your bank location).
3. Airfare for the fully funded awardees will be booked and issued by ACCEPT.
E-tickets will be sent to the awardees via registered email address.
4. The participant shall be responsible for arranging and securing hotel and accommodation reservations.
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Other Information

A. Confidentiality Agreement

Without written permission from ACE, the researcher shall in no case disclose any data or information to external parties. Papers may not be posted online before they are published by journals.

B. Plagiarism

ACE takes zero-tolerance for any form of plagiarism during the submission of the paper.

C. *ACE Governance Policies on Fraud and Corruption*

ACE takes a zero-tolerance approach to fraud and corruption involving ACE Staff Members and third parties concerning their work with ACE. ACE encourages the use of the Whistle-Blower Policy to report any identified cases of fraud and/or corruption in ACE operations.

D. *Copyright and intellectual property*

All deliverables and material produced under this assignment will be principally owned by ACE, belong to ACE and remain property of ACE. The consultants will not have any control over copyright claims and intellectual property. However, authorship will be properly acknowledged.

E. *Venue*

Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia



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