China International College Students' Innovation Competition (2026)

Brazil Regional Competition

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The China International College Students' Innovation Competition (CICSIC) is dedicated to fostering global exchange and collaboration in innovation and entrepreneurship. As a premier platform for college students to showcase innovative practices, CICSIC has grown into one of the world's largest student innovation competitions.

To further expand its international reach, CICSIC will inaugurate the Brazil Regional Competition in 2026. Organized by Harbin Institute of Technology under the auspices of the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China, this regional event will identify outstanding projects from Latin America for recommendation to the CICSIC 2026 Grand Final.

We sincerely invite undergraduate and postgraduate students from universities in Brazil, Argentina, and Chile to participate. Join us in fostering innovation, realizing entrepreneurial aspirations, and co-creating a brighter future.

I Entry Requirements

- Project Scope: Projects should address societal needs, develop innovative products or business models, and contribute to key industries such as manufacturing, agriculture, healthcare, energy, and environmental protection. We also encourage projects that promote the integration of digital technologies with education, healthcare, transportation, finance, and cultural exchange.

- Compliance & Intellectual Property: Projects must adhere to ethical standards, comply with all applicable laws and regulations, and operate within legal frameworks. Participants must hold or have obtained authorized use of all necessary intellectual property rights for any inventions, patented technologies, or other resources utilized. Submission of plagiarized or infringing work will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of awards, and full legal liability.

- Submission Guidelines: Teams must select the appropriate category and submit complete entry materials through the official registration system by the specified deadline. Projects that have previously received a Gold or Silver Award in CICSIC are ineligible.

- Age Limit: All team members must be under 35 years of age (born on or after January 1, 1991).

II How to Participate

Team Composition

- The Competition accepts team entries only.
- Each team must consist of 2 to 15 members, including a designated team leader.
- Teams may include students from multiple institutions, provided all members are core contributors to the project.

Eligibility Criteria

- The team leader must be currently enrolled at a higher education institution in Brazil, Argentina, or Chile, or have graduated from such an institution within the past five years (i.e., in or after 2021). Team members must be currently enrolled students at a non-Chinese institution of higher education or have graduated from such an institution within the past five years (i.e.,in or after 2021).
- The team leader must submit the application on behalf of the team.
- A team may represent only one institution—the institution where the team leader is currently enrolled or most recently graduated.
- Definition: A "higher education institution in Brazil, Argentina, or Chile" refers to a university or accredited vocational school located in one of these countries that is authorized to provide tertiary education and award degrees.
- Definition: An "enrolled student" is a student officially registered and pursuing a degree or diploma at such an institution. A "non-Chinese institution" refers to a university or vocational school located outside the People's Republic of China that is accredited to provide tertiary education and award degrees.

PROJECT CATEGORIES

Category	Eligibility Requirements
Undergraduate −Idea Group	• Projects demonstrate strong creativity with a well-developed prototype or service model. • Must not have undergone formal business registration (e.g., with industrial and commercial authorities) before May 20, 2026. • Team leader and all members must be currently enrolled undergraduate or associate degree students.
Undergraduate −Startup Group	• Projects must have completed formal business registration before May 20, 2026. • Team leader must be the project leader and legal representative of the registered company. • Team leader must be a currently enrolled undergraduate/associate student, or have graduated from such a program within the past five years.
Postgraduate −Idea Group	• Projects demonstrate strong creativity with a well-developed prototype or service model. • Must not have undergone formal business registration before May 20, 2026. • Team leader must be a currently enrolled postgraduate student. • Team members may be currently enrolled postgraduate, undergraduate, or associate degree students.
Postgraduate −Startup Group	• Projects must have completed formal business registration before May 20, 2026. • Team leader must be the project leader and legal representative of the registered company. • Team leader must be a currently enrolled postgraduate student, or have graduated from a postgraduate program within the past five years.

Note: Institutions are responsible for guiding their teams to select the correct category during registration.

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III Competition Schedule & Format

The Brazil Regional Competition consists of four stages, all coordinated by the Regional Organizing Committee:

Stage	Timeline	Details
Team Registration	June 1–30, 2026 (May be extended to mid-July based on actual actual needs.)	Register online at: https://brazil.pilcchina.org
Eligibility Review & Online Evaluation	July 1–15, 2026	Qualified projects undergo online evaluation to determine finalists.
Final Competition	Early August 2026	Shortlisted projects participate in the on-site final. Each team delivers a PowerPoint presentation (~5 minutes) followed by a Q&A defense session (~5 minutes).

Travel Support: The Regional Organizing Committee will provide round-trip economy airfare, accommodation, and meals during the competition for two (2) members of each team shortlisted for the on-site final.
All deadlines are based on China Standard Time (CST, UTC+8).

IV Awards & Advancement Opportunities

- Fifty (50) projects will be selected through online evaluation to advance to the on-site final.
- Awards: 10 Gold, 15 Silver, and 25 Bronze Awards.
- All winning projects will receive official certificates and cash prizes:

Gold Award: RMB 5,000
Silver Award: RMB 2,000
Bronze Award: RMB 1,000

Advancement to Grand Final:

- Gold Award-winning projects will be prioritized for recommendation to the on-site competition of the CICSIC 2026 Grand Final.
- Other award-winning projects will be prioritized for recommendation to the online evaluation stage of the CICSIC 2026 Grand Final.

V Registration Instructions

- Register online at the official portal: https://brazil.pilcchina.org (managed by the Promotion Association for Global Youth Innovation Leaders Community, PILC).
- Submit your business plan in PowerPoint format. Supplementary materials (e.g., Word document or 1-minute video) are optional. Please convert your business plan to PDF prior to uploading. Personal photo is also required.
- In the field labeled “Recommending Institution”, please enter: Harbin Institute of Technology.
- All team members must submit proof of student status (current enrollment certificate or graduation diploma) or shareholder documentation, as applicable, by the registration deadline. Teams with faculty mentors should provide mentor information during registration.
- All submitted materials and presentations must be in Chinese or English.

VI Judging Criteria

For detailed information on judging rules and evaluation criteria, please visit:·

- https://cy.ncss.cn
- https://www.pilcchina.org

The organizing committee provides participating teams with free access to an intelligent platform (chumojy.com), which helps refine entrepreneurial ideas and develop standardized business plans. Teams may use the platform at their discretion according to their actual needs.

VII Additional Notes

•The Organizing Committee of the China International College Students' Innovation Competition Brazil Regional Competition reserves the final right of interpretation regarding these terms and conditions.

• For inquiries specific to the Brazil Regional Competition, please contact the supporting institution: Zhengzhou Advanced Research Institute of Harbin Institute of Technology (Zhengzhou, China).

• **Privacy Notice:** Personal information submitted during registration will be used solely for competition administration and handled in accordance with applicable data protection regulations.

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