

CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite the submission of **Full Research Papers (FRP)**; **Short Research Papers (SRP)**, **Reflection Papers (RP)**, **Student Posters (SP)**, **Workshops & Tutorials (WT)**, **Research Development Symposia (RDS)**, **Invited Talks (IT)** and **Showcases & Exhibitions (SE)** to the 2021 Open Innovations Conference (2021 OIC). The 2021 OIC theme, “**Making Innovation Inclusive**”, invites submissions that exposes the role of digital technology for enabling sustainable innovations in all sectors of our society. Open Innovation is now seen as an imperative that underpins human progress, with societal changes exemplified by Schumpeter’s ‘creative disruption’ and Christensen’s ‘disruptive technologies’.

CONFERENCE TRACKS

We invite submissions from areas that explicate the disruptive nature of digital transformation in innovations found in various contexts such as the Commercial Sector, Public Sector, Energy, Health, Agriculture, Engineering, Transportation, Education, etc. Submitted papers will undergo a **Double-Blind Peer Review** process. Submissions should focus on, but not limited to the following tracks:

- I. Digital Government Innovations
- II. Digital Business Innovations
- III. Digital Entrepreneurship
- IV. Case Studies on Innovation Hubs
- V. Sustainable Energy Innovations
- VI. Big Data and Analytics
- VII. Innovations in STEM Disciplines
- VIII. Innovation Policies & Instruments
- IX. Innovations in Data Sciences
- X. Innovations in Information Engineering
- XI. Innovations in Health Informatics
- XII. Innovations in Project Management
- XIII. Innovation Ecosystems
- XIV. Innovations in Information Sciences
- XV. Innovations in e-learning
- XVI. Innovations in e-health
- XVII. Internet of Things
- XVIII. Innovations in High Performance Computing (HPC)
- XIX. Innovations in Trade
- XX. Innovations in Materials Science & Engineering
- XXI. General Tracks, Exhibitions, Workshops & Tutorials

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