NEXT ECONOMIES FORUM '27

Call for Papers

Cairo, Egypt, April 3 to 6, 2027

Join the Conversation

The Next Economics Forum NEF27's is calling researchers for **paper and poster presentations**.

Across the world, students and researchers are asking a question that the mainstream curriculum rarely makes room for: what would an economy that **genuinely serves people and the planet** actually look like, and how do we build it?

The Next Economies Forum (NEF) is a convening space for everyone working on that question, in research, **in practice, in community, and in policy.** NEF27 brings together movements, academics, policymakers, and practitioners from around the world in Cairo in April 2027, united in action towards socially and ecologically just economies.

We are inviting **graduate students and early-career researchers** to be part of that conversation, not as an audience, but as contributors.

Goals

- Secure **30 or more paper and poster presentations** for a dedicated pre-conference student day on 3 April 2027.
- Reach **graduate students and early-career researchers globally,** with particular focus on the Global South.
- Offer **a dual pathway**: submit research to present, or register as a student participant without presenting.
- **Elevate voices and research** from regions underrepresented in international economics discourse.

SUBMISSIONS

What we are asking for

The call welcomes four submission formats, designed to lower the barrier to entry and reflect work at different stages. We are not looking only for finished papers, proposals and works in progress are explicitly welcome.

Format	Length	Presentation format	Open for
Full paper + summary poster	2,000 to 4,000 words	Poster and paper submission	People who have full data ready to present
Research Proposal + Poster	500 to 800 words	Only poster session	People who are in the design process of the research

TOPIC AREAS

Thematic area examples

Visions and ecological foundations

(NEF#4. Pluriversal Economies & Majority World Perspectives)

- Degrowth, post-growth, and wellbeing economies
- Regenerative and care economies
- Ecological economics and planetary boundaries
- Climate justice, energy transition, and energy democracy
- Global South and Indigenous economic alternatives

Ownership, enterprise, and governance

(NEF#3: Power, Policy, Governance & Systemic Transition &
NEF#5: Steward Ownership, New Enterprises & Transition Financing

- Commons, cooperatives, and solidarity economy
- Steward ownership, social enterprise, and transition finance
- Policy, governance, and systemic transition
- Digital, platform, and community economies

Knowledges, culture, and consciousness

(NEF#1: Movement Coherence &
NEF#2: Holistic Consciousness, Inner Unfolding, Learning & Narrative Change)

- Inner transformation, values, and consciousness in economic change
- Narratives for economic transformation

TIMELINE

Key dates

When	What
July 2026	Finalize call text. Set up a submission portal. Confirm PC Council review committee members. Begin building a university contact list.
28 September 2026	Launch call for papers globally. First outreach wave to priority universities and academic networks. Set up submission tracking.
September to October 2026	Mid-cycle outreach push. Second wave of emails to regions not yet reached. Share calls through partner channels and social media.
15 November 2026	The submission deadline closes. The review committee assesses submissions. Decisions made.
14 December 2026	Acceptances announced. Presenter onboarding begins, including logistics, mentorship pairing, and session format guidance.
January to February 2027	Pre-conference student day programme finalized. Mentor roundtable pairings confirmed.
3 April 2027	Pre-conference student day, Cairo.
4 to 6 April 2027	NEF27 main forum.
Later in April 2028	Post-forum debrief.

Submissions are accepted in English. We encourage submissions in other languages where an English summary is provided.

PRE-CONFERENCE DAY

Student day format, 3 April 2027

Accepted presenters take part in a dedicated pre-conference day the day before the main forum opens. The day runs in parallel thematic tracks, closes with a synthesis session, and feeds directly into the NEF27 opening. It is open to all registered forum participants, not just presenters.

Time slot	Session	Details
Morning (9:30-11:00)	Parallel thematic tracks	Two or three tracks running simultaneously, each organized around the themes.
Midday (11:00-12:00)	Mentor roundtables	Small group conversations of 8 to 10 students with senior researchers and practitioners from the PC Council and Heliopolis faculty. Informal, not a panel.
Afternoon (13:00-15:00)	Poster and lightning talk session	Open to all forum participants. Research proposals and works in progress presented as posters or 5-minute lightning talks.
Closing (15:00-15:30)	Student synthesis plenary	Youth-led synthesis of the day's key themes and questions. Outcomes fed directly into the rest of the forum discussions.

How to apply

Submit your paper, abstract, or proposal via https://forms.gle/VdsSg8Xcco53XBPE9 by 15 November 2026. Submissions are reviewed by an academic committee drawn from the NEF Partners Council and Heliopolis University for Sustainable Development, who co-anchor this call.

Not presenting? You are still welcome.

If you are a student or early-career researcher who wants to attend NEF27, to learn, connect, and be part of the conversation, you are welcome to register as a student participant. A reduced student registration rate is available. Contact nef@turetim.org for details.

Questions

Reach us at nef@turetim.org, or visit nexteconomies.net