

Mailer 1
Student Symposium Information & Student Chapter Registration
2026 ASCE Greater China Student Symposium
Hosted by Zhejiang University
April 11-12, 2026



November 23, 2025

Dear ASCE Student Chapter of the ASCE Greater China Student Conference:

This is your **2026 ASCE Greater China Student Symposium Mailer 1** the first of three informational packets to be sent to each of the participating ASCE Student Chapters in our Student Conference.

Please carefully read this information and forward copies to the appropriate members in your ASCE Student Chapter and team members for each team competing at the student symposium. Do not delete this mailer as information given within may not be repeated in subsequent mailers. Enclosed you will find the following information:

- Student Chapter Participation Form,
- Society competition intent forms,
- Upcoming deadlines,
- Student Symposium Paper Competition information, and
- ASCE competition eligibility requirements.

Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Student Chapter Participation Form & Mailer 1 Acknowledgment by December 12, 2025.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at our general student symposium e-mail address, listed below. All symposium information such as events, mailers, policies, rules, etc. will be posted on our website, also listed below.

We look forward to your participation in the 2026 ASCE Greater China Student Symposium and providing an opportunity to engage with other student chapters and ASCE Region Leadership.

Sincerely,

Qinyu Pan
President, ASCE Student Chapter
Zhejiang University

Jiangpeng Shu
Chair, 2025 ASCE Greater China Student Symposium

ASCE Student Symposium website	https://studentsymposium.asce.org/greater-china/
General symposium email address	asce@zju.edu.cn

Student Chapter Participation Form

Student Chapter Participation Form is due by December 12, 2025

Please complete the Student Chapter Participation Form at <https://asceforms.wufoo.com/forms/w1wfqfv61hw06pv/> to register your chapter for the **2026 ASCE Greater China Student Symposium**.

You can also visit our website at <https://studentsymposium.asce.org/greater-china/registration/> to access the Student Chapter Participation Form.

*If your chapter will NOT be participating in the **2026 ASCE Greater China Student Symposium**, please email asce@zju.edu.cn*

ASCE Society Competition Intent Forms

A REQUIREMENT TO COMPETE

Statement of Intent and Acknowledgement of Eligibility Requirements must be filled out for **EACH** ASCE Society Competition to compete. Please click the links below to fill out the intent form for the competitions your chapter plans to compete in.

ASCE SOCIETY-WIDE COMPETITIONS



ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition – A modified version of this competition will take place at the 2026 ASCE Greater China Student Symposium. It includes completing technical portions of the competition - submitting the technical proposal and making a presentation. If three or more student chapters compete, the winning team, if [eligibility requirements](#) are met, will be invited to the Concrete Canoe Society-wide Finals Competition with the expectation that they will bring a full-scale prototype and display with them to present at the finals.

Next Step – If you are competing in the Concrete Canoe Competition at the 2026 Greater China Student Symposium, the Proposal and Qualifications Package is due December 23, 2025, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. **Submissions after this deadline will be accepted but will be subject to deductions.** Teams will note that this date is past the original due date of November 3, 2025, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time in the rules. Teams will not receive a deduction for submitting after the November 3rd deadline but will receive a deduction for submittals after the deadline above. Please visit the [2026 ASCE Concrete Canoe Request for Proposal Rules](#) to access the required forms and submission information.



ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition – The winning team, if [eligibility requirements](#) are met and there is a clear, good-faith effort toward a quality submission, will be invited to the Sustainable Solutions Society-wide Finals Competition.

Next Step – If you are competing in the [Sustainable Solutions Competition](#) at the 2026 Greater China Student Symposium, **the online intent form (<https://asceforms.wufoo.com/forms/pq9r7f70p0kpzl/>) is due December 23, 2025, by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time.** Submissions after this deadline will be accepted. Teams will note that this date is past the original due date of November 3, 2025, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time in the rules. The intent form must be completed by the team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form needs to be submitted by each of these individuals.

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LOCAL COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE GREATER CHINA STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

- Student Symposium Paper Competition
 - *Participation is a requirement for advancement to Society-wide finals competitions*

Important Upcoming Deadlines

Important dates for coordinators are highlighted in light green.

Important dates for Society-wide finals eligibility are highlighted in light yellow.

We highly recommend that you share this information with your chapter, including any competition captains.

*Please see competition rules for RFI deadlines and competition components that are submitted/required at the student symposium. *

2025 DEADLINES

November 23	Mailer 1 sent to all chapters
December 12	Student Chapter Participation Form is due (see instructions on page 2)
December 23, by 5:00 pm Eastern Time	<p>Statement of Intent & Acknowledgement of Eligibility Requirements Form due from each team intending to compete in a Society-wide Competition – Concrete Canoe and/or Sustainable Solutions.</p> <p><i>One form is required for each competition and must be filled out by the team captain and faculty advisor. <u>The online form* must be completed by the team captain and faculty advisor(s). Each person will submit a separate form. (See previous page for intent form links.)</u></i></p> <p><i>* Concrete Canoe Proposal and Qualification Package forms (which includes the Letter of Intent) can be found in the 2026 ASCE Concrete Canoe Request for Proposals - Rules. Upload to ASCE server per the rules.</i></p>

2026 DEADLINES

January 15	Mailer 2 sent to each student chapter.
January 25	Mailer 2 Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.
February 1 by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time	ASCE Student Chapter Annual Reports are due by 11:59 pm EST to ASCE. (More information on Annual Reports can be found here . If you have questions on your Annual Report, email student@asce.org). <i>Submitting the ASCE Student Chapter Annual Report is an eligibility requirement to compete at the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the eligibility requirements for details.</i>
February 1 by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time	ASCE Student Chapter annual dues must be paid, as received by ASCE, no later than 11:59 p.m. EST. <i>Paying ASCE Student Chapter annual dues is an eligibility requirement to compete at the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the eligibility requirements for details.</i>
February/March	Attendee Registration is due. Due date will be in Mailer 2
February 12 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time	Concrete Canoe Technical Execution Package, Mix Design Sheets, & Materials Notebook due. (Upload to respective folder link provided in the rules)
March 1	Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due to asce@zju.edu.cn

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March 2	Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.
March 13	Mailer 3 Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.
March 20	Final Date for Late Attendee Registrations
March 20	Sustainable Solutions Competition Technical Design Proposal, Envision Checklist and Criteria Justification, Public Outreach Poster, and Sketchup files are due. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)</i>
April 11-12	2026 ASCE Greater China Student Symposium
Note: Please see competition rules for RFI deadlines and competition components that are submitted/required at the student symposium.	

Student Symposium Paper Competition

The ASCE Student Symposium Paper Competition emphasizes the importance of being able to write and present a paper as essential communication skills for all engineers and often necessary for advancement in your career. The competition consists of a paper submission and a presentation at the student symposium.

The topic for the **2026 ASCE Greater China Student Symposium**: [Daniel W. Mead Topic](#)

Submission deadline is: March 1, 2026

Submission email/link is: asce@zju.edu.cn

Engineering the Public Welfare: How Civil Engineers Engage and Advance Communities Through Ethical Infrastructure Design in accordance with the ASCE Code of Ethics: *Civil engineering is not only about the design and construction of vertical and horizontal infrastructure. It is an essential part of shaping communities and building a better quality of life for all persons. In this essay, critically analyze the ethical responsibility of civil engineers to recognize the historical, cultural, and social needs of a community and to incorporate those considerations into their work. Discuss how civil engineers can engage with communities to develop solutions that protect historical and cultural resources, improve access and mobility, and expand economic and social opportunities. Use real-world examples and reflect on how emerging technologies and policies can support these objectives.*

****All papers must have a statement at the bottom attesting that, except where otherwise cited, the submission is the work of the student author and not AI or NLP. Submissions without this statement will not be considered for recognition.**

For student chapters participating in their regional student symposium, papers must be submitted to the student symposium host by March 1, 2026, using the host's preferred submission process as outlined above. A separate submission to ASCE is not required for the [Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students Competition](#), as the student symposium submission will serve as the official entry for both the Student Symposium Paper Competition and the Mead Paper Competition. The winning paper from each student symposium will advance to the Society competition for final review, with the official national winner announced in May 2026.

*****SOCIETY-WIDE FINALS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT*****

Both the Student Symposium Paper Competition submission and the presentation are mandatory for any ASCE Student Chapter participating in the **2026 ASCE Greater China Student Symposium** that wishes to be eligible to advance to ASCE Society-wide finals competitions. Competitions **requiring** participation include:

- ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition
- ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition

Note: Any papers/presentations created for any other competition do not count as an entry into the Student Symposium Paper Competition.

ASCE Society Competition Eligibility Requirements

Competitions that advance to an ASCE Society-wide finals competition include the ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition, ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition, and ASCE UESI Surveying Competition. The AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition advances to the SSBC National Finals and follows the eligibility requirements below. See [SSBC Rules](#) for more information.

The purpose of student competitions is to provide student members with career-enrichment opportunities to gain hands-on, practical experience and leadership skills. Society Competitions are an important and special opportunity to showcase the engineering and professional skills of student teams. As such, mutual respect is required for all stakeholders, including competitors, judges, hosts, and guests. Invitations to the Student Symposia and the Society-wide finals competitions/ASCE Civil Engineering Student Championships are a privilege, not a right. Failure to act professionally can result in sanctions, disqualifications, and loss of invitations. Please note that the requirements for eligibility for Society-wide finals competitions are more stringent than the requirements for participation at the student symposia competitions.

ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENT SYMPOSIUM COMPETITION

The following qualifications are required of all ASCE Student Chapters to compete at the Student Symposia Competitions:

An ASCE Student Chapter must:

1. Be in good standing with ASCE:
 - a. Have paid their annual dues, as received by ASCE, **no later than the start of their Student Symposium.**
 - b. Have submitted their student chapter's full Annual Report or EZ Annual Reporting Form **no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST.**

ELIGIBILITY FOR ASCE SOCIETY-WIDE FINALS COMPETITION

The following qualifications are required of all ASCE Student Chapters in order to advance to the ASCE Society-wide Finals Competitions:

An ASCE Student Chapter must:

1. Be in good standing with ASCE:
 - a. Have paid their annual dues, as received by ASCE, no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST.
 - b. Have submitted their student chapter's **full Annual Report**, **no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST**, **and have received a minimum score of 25 points out of a possible 100.** **Student Chapters that submit an EZ annual reporting form do not qualify** to advance to competition finals; and
2. Attend and participate in their assigned Student Symposium as shown through their school's:
 - a. On-time attendance and active participation by a member of the ASCE Student Chapter at the Student Symposium Business Meeting.

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b. Participation in the Student Symposium Paper Competition, including submission and presentation by a member of the ASCE Student Chapter. Note that any papers/presentations created for any other competition do not count as an entry into the Student Symposium Paper Competition.

Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to student@asce.org.