Ideas Without Borders : AI for Society Student Challenge

This international initiative invites participants to examine AI in health through the lens of ethics and governance.

Concept

With the aim of training and equipping the next generation of scientists, Obvia and CEIMIA are combining their expertise to launch *Ideas Without Borders: AI for Society Student Challenge*, a unique learning experience dedicated to the challenges of AI and health, approached from the perspectives of ethics and governance with questions such as:

- What are the key challenges and opportunities associated with the adoption of AI and digital technologies in health systems and practices?
- What societal impacts are generated by the adoption of AI in health?
- What mechanisms, safeguards, and standards should be put in place to ensure the responsible governance of AI in health?

This challenge is open to graduate students (master's or doctoral level) from all regions of the world, representing a variety of disciplines: health sciences, data science, social sciences, law, ethics, public policy, and many others.

To provide participants with a shared knowledge base on the selected theme, webinar presentations will be presented by high-level international specialists recognized for their expertise in their respective fields related to AI and health. At the end of this series, the students will be asked to develop a concrete scientific contribution, with actionable recommendations, related to the theme of the challenge. From among the best proposals, a group of participants will be invited to attend the 2027 Geneva AI Summit in person to present their work.

Benefits

Students who participate in this challenge will gain several benefits:

1. Networking and building connections among young researchers from different regions of the world
2. Visibility for their work and initiatives on an international platform
3. The opportunity to strengthen their knowledge and capacity to make concrete contributions to scientific discussions on AI and health
4. The opportunity to participate and share their ideas at a high-impact global event focused on AI issues

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Timeline for the 2026-2027 Edition

Phase 1

Application deadline
(November 23, 2026)

Confirmation of participant selection by the Scientific Committee
(December 2026)

Phase 2

Webinar 1
(January 2027)

Webinar 2
(January 2027)

Webinar 3
(February 2027)

Webinar 4
(February 2027)

Presentation of the guidelines for the final project submission
(February 2027)

Phase 3

Project submission deadline
(March 19, 2027)

Phase 4

Selected participants attend the 2027 Geneva AI Summit
(June 2027)

Eligibility Criteria

- **Level of study:**
  Graduate students enrolled in a master's or doctoral program.
- **Field of study:**
  No specific restrictions apply. However, applicants must clearly demonstrate the connection between their field of study and the challenge theme.
- **Language proficiency:**
  Ability to communicate effectively in English, both orally and in writing.
- **Nationality and event participation:**
  There are no nationality restrictions. Participants invited to present their final project in Geneva may need to obtain a visa to attend the event in person. Alternative arrangements may be made for those who are unable to travel.

Submit Your Application

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