



Cardio Sim Creator Competition Submission Instructions

The American College of Cardiology Foundation's (referred to herein as "ACC") Simulation Work Group is excited to announce the Cardio Sim Creator Competition, a prestigious recognition for outstanding innovation in the field of cardiac simulation. We invite you to showcase your cutting-edge simulation/simulator in this exclusive competition and pave the way for advancements in simulation-based education. Whether you've developed a procedural trainer, an innovative educational game, or enhanced an existing simulation/simulator, you can become the recipient of ACC's Cardio Sim Creator Award.

We are particularly interested in home-grown DIY simulation/simulators, celebrating the creative spirit of innovators who have crafted unique and ingenious solutions for advancing cardiac simulation-based education. Your homemade simulation/simulators are a valuable addition to the contemporary approaches to education, showcasing resourcefulness and originality.

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Licensed Healthcare Professional:** Submissions **must** be made by a licensed healthcare professional (e.g., physician, nurse, advanced practice provider, technician, or allied health professional). Submissions from companies or commercial entities **are not eligible**.
- **Originality of Work:** The simulator **must** represent the original work of the submitting provider, either individually or in collaboration with an academic or clinical team.

If you're interested in applying, please submit a 3 – 5-minute video demonstrating your simulation/simulator or game, along with the following criteria:

- **Problem Solving and Efficacy of Your Simulation/Simulator:** Provide an explanation (goal) of how your simulation/simulator adeptly addresses an underlying problem or question it was created to resolve.
- **Skillsets Targeted by Your Simulation/Simulator:** Clearly delineate the specific skills (learning objectives) that your simulation/simulator is designed to teach.
- **Intended Audience for Your Simulation/Simulator:** Define the target audience for your simulation/simulator, ensuring a clear understanding of its educational applicability.
- **Assessment Metrics and Competency Evaluation:** Articulate the criteria, measurements, or assessment techniques employed to gauge learning outcomes and the competency of participants.
- **Significance and Seamless Integration of Your Simulation/Simulator:** Highlight the importance of your simulation/simulator within the broader training context, emphasizing how it seamlessly integrates into existing educational programs or educational systems.

The deadline for submissions is Oct. 13, 2025.

Please submit your abstract in a video format (e.g., YouTube, Vimeo, or a cloud storage platform like Google Drive) and include a shareable link for us to view your submission.

[Click here to submit your abstract.](#)

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All submissions will be reviewed based on the above criteria. The winner will be announced by early November and will be invited to present at the American College of Cardiology's 74th Annual Scientific Session & Expo (ACC.26) occurring March 28 - 30, 2026 in New Orleans, LA. The winner will be offered a faculty appointment at the Personalized Skills Zone (PSZ) Cardio Sim Creators Station.

Submitters are responsible for transporting their simulator and setting it up by **Friday, March 27**. Detailed instructions will be provided to the awardee.

Announcement of the simulation competition will be on Saturday, March 28 in the Personalized Skills & Simulation Center.

Participation and attendance at ACC.26 is limited to registrants and vendors and is not an event that is open to the public. By submitting your simulation, you represent and warrant that you own the simulation or have the necessary licenses to present the simulation at ACC.26. Further, you represent and warrant that the simulation does not violate or infringe upon the rights of any third party, including but not limited to, any patent rights, copyrights, trademark rights, trade secret rights, or other proprietary rights of any kind. Submission of your simulation to the ACC does not give the ACC or its agents any ownership rights to your intellectual property for reproduction, transmission, or utilization without your express written permission. The ACC is not responsible for your personal agreements with your current or former employers, institutions, collaborators, or industry with regards to intellectual property. Please review any agreements or contracts with your current or prior institutions, employers, collaborators, or industry regarding intellectual property. You agree to indemnify and hold harmless ACC and its affiliates from any claim that your submission, or any portion thereof, or any use by ACC of the intellectual property or portion thereof, infringes or misappropriates any patent, copyright, trademark or other proprietary right of any third party.

We're eagerly looking forward to receiving your submission, where we hope to see your groundbreaking simulation/simulator and your compelling insights on how it can drive progress cardiac simulation-based education. Don't miss this unique opportunity to leave a lasting imprint on ACC.26. Seize the chance to spark innovation and be a part of the Cardio Sim Creators competition. Your contribution could shape the future of cardiac simulation, and we can't wait to see what you have to offer. [Submit your entry now!](#)

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