

LEIRD 2026, PUERTO RICO



The **International Multiconference on Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Regional Development (LEIRD)** is a multidisciplinary event of high academic and professional standing, organized by the **Latin American and Caribbean Consortium of Engineering Institutions (LACCEI)**. Its objective is to bring together researchers, educators, entrepreneurs, and institutional leaders to discuss, present, and share innovations, recent trends, challenges, and solutions regarding entrepreneurship and innovation as drivers of regional development.

For its 2026 edition, the multiconference will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, at the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, under the theme: **“Capability-Based Entrepreneurship: Artificial Intelligence and Innovation for Scaling into the New Global Economy”**.

This motto reflects LACCEI’s commitment to generating knowledge and promoting initiatives that integrate social and technological innovation for the benefit of communities and regions, within a global context of accelerated digital transformation and the impact of artificial intelligence.

CALL FOR PAPERS NOW OPEN – LEIRD 2026!

The International Multiconference on Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Regional Development (LEIRD 2026) has **officially opened** its call for academic paper submissions.

We invite researchers, academics, professionals, and students to share their contributions regarding Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Regional Development.

Be part of an international forum for dialogue, collaboration, and impact generation.

Review the thematic areas and submit your paper; for more information, visit: <https://laccei.org/leird2026/>

JOURNAL OF ENGINEERING FOR THE AMERICAS

The Latin American and Caribbean Consortium of Engineering Institutions (LACCEI) is pleased to announce the official launch of the **Journal of Engineering for the Americas: Engineering Education, Research and Practice** a new international, peer-reviewed scientific publication established with the aim of strengthening the generation, dissemination, and transfer of engineering knowledge throughout the Americas and the world.

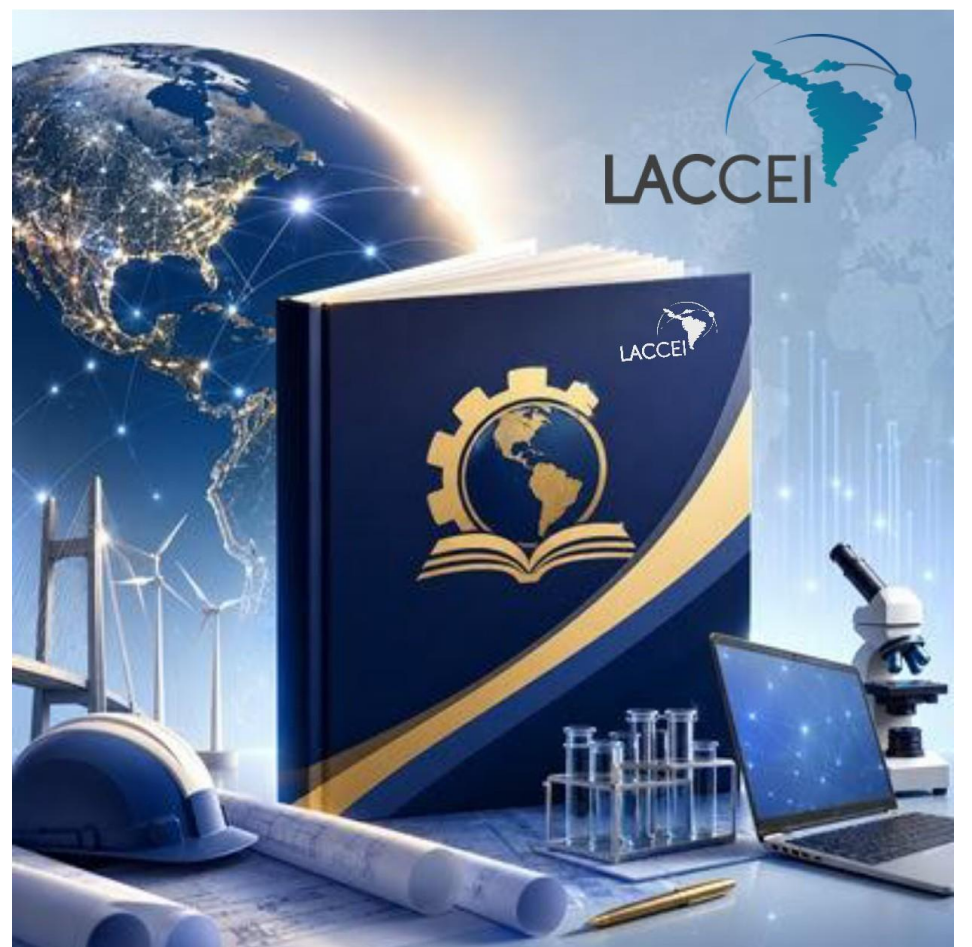
This new journal represents a strategic initiative aimed at promoting high-impact research, innovative practices, and academic and professional contributions that drive the transformation of engineering education, technological development, and effective collaboration among academia, industry, and society.

Furthermore, it seeks to establish itself as a forum for interdisciplinary dialogue and international collaboration among researchers, educators, professionals, and leaders within the engineering ecosystem.

The journal will accept original articles in areas related to engineering education, applied research, technological innovation, professional practice, digital transformation, sustainability, entrepreneurship, artificial intelligence, regional development, and other emerging topics of relevance to the future of engineering and talent development in the Americas.

The official submission process for articles for the inaugural issue will open on June 1, 2026, inviting authors, researchers, and academics from higher education institutions, research centers, and professional organizations to become part of this new international platform for scientific dissemination.

With this upcoming launch, LACCEI reaffirms its commitment to strengthening academic excellence, international cooperation, and building a more connected, innovative, and inclusive engineering community for future generations.



EVENTS CALENDAR

- **June 2026** – EUR-ACE Connect
- **June 2026** – 2026 ASEE Annual Conference
- **LACCEI 2026 Multiconference** – July 15–17, 2026 | Santiago, Chile (Hotel InterContinental)
- **September 2026** – SEFI Annual Conference
- **September 2026** – COBENGE: Brazilian Congress on Engineering Education
- **September 2026** – WEEF 2026: World Engineering Education Forum (IFEES and GEDC)
- **LEIRD Conference** – December 1–2, 2026 | San Juan, Puerto Rico (Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico – PUPR)
- **LACCEI Retreat** – March 8–10, 2027 | Boca Raton, USA (Florida Atlantic University – FAU)