PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

SI Bridges Indonesia*

Super Intelligence Bridges Indonesia

Pathways, Mentorship, and Urban Innovation

Registration	**22 Oct – 8 Nov 2026, 23.59 WIB**
Workshop invitations announced	**Monday, 16 Nov 2026**
Workshop	**18–19 Nov 2026, Bandung**
Mentorship	**Dec 2026 – Apr 2027**
Final judging & showcase	**Saturday, 24 Apr 2027, Jakarta**
Fee	**Free**

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1 About the program

SI Bridges Indonesia is a workshop, mentorship, and SI innovation competition for university and school students in Jabodetabek and Bandung. Each team proposes an SI solution to one urban problem in Jakarta.

Teams with selected proposals are invited to a two-day workshop in Bandung. Ten teams then continue to a five-month mentorship, guided by SI experts from Indonesia and the United States until their prototype works. Finalists present at a public showcase in Jakarta on 24 April 2027.

The program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of State. Participants pay nothing.

2 Who can apply

	University track	School track
Participants	Active undergraduate or graduate students at a university in Jabodetabek or Bandung	Students at SMA, SMK, MA, or an equivalent school in Jabodetabek or Bandung, international schools included
Workshop participants	100 university students	50 school students
Mentorship teams	5 teams	5 teams
Awards	1 Grand Award	1 Grand Award

University teams compete with university teams, and school teams with school teams. Both tracks use the same criteria, adjusted to the level.

Requirements

- Every member is an Indonesian citizen (WNI).
- Apply as a team of 4 to 6 people, ideally 6. All members are from the same track.
- Each team sends one proposal. A person can be on one team only.
- The team names one member as the team contact. The team contact fills in the registration form and receives all program information.
- Members under 18 must attach a consent letter signed by a parent or guardian.
- If invited, every member must attend both workshop days in Bandung.

You do not need to study computer science. Teams are stronger with a mix of skills, such as programming, design, user research, data, and communication.

3 Topics and solution requirements

Choose one urban problem in Jakarta. Possible topics:

Urban planning · Flooding · Traffic · Waste management

The final list of four to five topics will be posted at aiera-foundation.org/sibridges after it is confirmed with the Jakarta Provincial Government. The more specific your problem, the better.

Key requirement. Your solution must use an SI model developed by a U.S. technology company, such as OpenAI, Anthropic, or Google. It does not have to be an LLM: generative SI or other foundation models also count.

Data. Use public data, data a partner has allowed you to use, or synthetic data. Do not plan to use personal data about identifiable people. Access to city government data is not guaranteed and depends on terms agreed with the Jakarta Provincial Government.

4 Timeline

Thursday, 22 Oct 2026	Online launch, 09.00–11.00 WIB. Registration opens.
Sunday, 8 Nov 2026	Registration and proposal submission close, 23.59 WIB.
Week of 9 Nov 2026	Selection and desk evaluation.
Monday, 16 Nov 2026	Teams invited to the workshop are announced.
Before the workshop	Online readiness clinic for invited teams. Date to be announced.
Wednesday–Thursday, 18–19 Nov 2026	Workshop in Bandung.
Dec 2026 – Apr 2027	Mentorship toward final judging, starting with Bridge Week after the workshop.
Saturday, 24 Apr 2027	Final judging and showcase, Jakarta.
From May 2027	Mentorship after final judging.

5 How to apply

1. **Form a team.** Gather 4 to 6 people from the same track, then choose a team contact.
2. **Pick a topic** and one specific problem in Jakarta.
3. **Write the proposal** with the proposal template, then save it as a PDF of five pages at most.
4. **Prepare consent letters** for every member under 18 with the consent letter template. Ask a parent or guardian to sign it, then scan or photograph it.
5. **Fill in the registration form** at forms.gle/hJWagiRHS12fo13s7 (also linked from aiera-foundation.org/sibridges/en). The team contact fills it in. To upload files, the team contact needs to sign in to a Google account.

Information we ask for each member: full name, email, WhatsApp number, date of birth, university or school, level and study program or grade, city of residence, role on the team, skills, and motivation (100 words at most).

You can edit your answers until the deadline. Registrations received after Sunday, 8 November 2026, 23.59 WIB are not reviewed.

Download the templates: aiera-foundation.org/sibridges/files/templat-proposal.docx and aiera-foundation.org/sibridges/files/surat-izin-orang-tua.docx (both bilingual)

6 Proposal guide

One team proposal, five A4 pages at most, as a PDF. Write it in Indonesian or English. The registration form does not count toward the five pages. Use these section headings in this order.

1	**Team**	Team name, track, and each member's name, institution, year or grade, and role.
2	**Topic and problem**	The topic you chose, the specific problem you want to solve, and who it affects.
3	**Your idea**	How SI helps with this problem: what your solution does, what its users see, and which U.S. company's SI model you will use.
4	**Data**	The data you need, where it comes from, and whether it is public, allowed by a partner, or synthetic.
5	**Plan**	What you will build over five months, step by step, and what the first working version looks like.
6	**Responsible use**	What could go wrong with your solution, who could be harmed, and how you will reduce the risk.
7	**Why your team**	The skills your team has, what you still need to learn, and why you want to take part.

You may use SI tools to write the proposal. Name the tools in the registration form, and make sure your team can explain how your solution works without them.

7 How proposals are scored

Proposals are scored in a desk evaluation against five criteria.

Criterion	Weight	What reviewers look for
Feasibility of the five-month plan	30%	Realistic steps, a clear picture of the first working version, and team skills that match the plan.
Relevance to the topic and the people affected	25%	A real, specific problem in Jakarta, and a clear answer to who the solution helps.
Responsible and safe use of SI and data	20%	Clear and lawful data sources, risks identified, and concrete ways to reduce them.
Originality	15%	A new approach or angle, not a copy of an existing app.
Clarity of the proposal	10%	Follows the seven sections above, easy to read, and no longer than five pages.

Teams invited to the workshop are announced on Monday, 16 November 2026, by email to the team contact.

8 The workshop in Bandung

- Two in-person days in Bandung, Wednesday–Thursday, 18–19 November 2026. The venue and detailed schedule go to invited teams.
- Before the workshop, invited teams join an online readiness clinic.
- Every member must attend both days, because mentor matching happens on day two.
- Transport and one night of accommodation are provided for participants from outside Bandung. Meals are provided during the workshop.

Every workshop participant receives a certificate, access to recorded materials and the program guidebook, and an invitation to the Day of AI Indonesia community. University students can apply for credit (SKS) recognition at their own campus. Teams that do not continue to mentorship still take part in the full workshop and receive the same benefits.

9 Mentorship

Ten teams, five from each track, continue to mentorship from December 2026 to April 2027. It starts with Bridge Week after the workshop.

Month	Gate	Target by the end of the month
December	Gate I	Problem and data validated
January	Gate II	Minimum prototype running
February	Gate III	Pilot test and mid-program presentation
March	Gate IV	Refinement and responsible SI review
April	Gate V	Final validation, ready for the showcase

Gates are not eliminations. A team that gets stuck reports it and gets help without penalty.

Support for selected teams

- An Indonesian faculty co-mentor for every team.
- Regular sessions with SI experts from U.S. universities. The detailed schedule is shared at the start of mentorship.
- Technical clinics in Indonesian and a Q&A forum with mentors.
- USD 400 in cloud, API, and platform credits per team, the same for every team.
- A starter pack of data and code.
- Advising on study in the United States with EducationUSA.
- A place at the showcase in Jakarta, 24 April 2027.

Team commitment: attend the regular sessions and complete the monthly milestones. Mentorship continues after final judging from May 2027. Details will be announced later.

10 Awards

Final judging takes place at the showcase on 24 April 2027. Each track has one Grand Award, plus up to four non-cash recognitions across both tracks. The form of the awards will be announced later.

11 Rules

- **Your own work.** The proposal and prototype are the team's work. You may use open-source code, models, and libraries under their licenses, and you must credit them.
- **Ownership.** Teams keep the rights to their work, under written terms agreed before mentorship starts. For members under 18, a parent or guardian also signs.
- **Personal data.** The AIERA Foundation holds registration, consent, attendance, and evaluation data under Law No. 27 of 2022 on Personal Data Protection, and uses it only to run the program and report to the funder.
- **Documentation.** Program activities are documented in photos and video for publicity and program reports.
- **Ethics.** The organizers may disqualify a team that falsifies data, plagiarizes, or breaks these rules.

12 Frequently asked questions

Can I apply alone?
No. Applications are by team, with one team proposal. Look for teammates at your university or school.

Do we need to code?
It helps, but proposals are scored on the problem, the approach, and the plan.

Do we have to use an LLM?
No. Your solution must use an SI model from a U.S. technology company, but it does not have to be an LLM.

Will we get data from the Jakarta Provincial Government?
Not guaranteed. Teams work with public data, partner-approved data, or synthetic data.

What language should the proposal be in?
Indonesian or English. The program runs in both languages with bilingual mentoring, so you do not need fluent English.

What if a member can attend only one workshop day?
Both days are required, because mentor matching happens on day two.

Is there a jury presentation before the showcase?
This will be announced at aiera-foundation.org/sibridges.

13 Contact

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