


# ACM 2025-2026 Student Chapter Excellence Awards Application

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Award Category: Outstanding Community Service

Chapter Name (Please submit only one application per chapter. If multiple applications are received, all but one will be removed at random.)

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BITS, Pilani - Dubai ACM Student Chapter (85704) 

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Outstanding Community Service: Chapter Contact Information

Please provide all required information

URL for your Chapter homepage (for example, <https://www.acm.org>): \*

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Who is submitting this application? (Must be an officer listed on the Chapter Admin Interface or \* the submission will be disqualified)

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### Outstanding Community Service: Chapter Achievements

Provide brief descriptions as requested, and stay within the character limit for each

Please provide a brief description of your chapter and school (1500 character maximum) \*

BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus (BPDC) is the international campus of Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, India and is located at the Dubai International Academic City. Set up in the year 2000, it is among the pioneer institutions in Dubai. BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus offers B.E, M.E., M.B.A. and Ph.D. programmes in various engineering and allied disciplines, wherein nearly 1200 students are admitted from diverse backgrounds.

The BPDC ACM Student Chapter is the largest computer science association at BPDC. Our goal is to empower the computer science community with the essentials, and foundations required to be literate in up and coming fields so that they have a competitive advantage when they graduate in the industry or at research. Established in 2010, the BPDC ACM Student Chapter is the oldest chapter in the Middle East region serving 200+ members passionate about computing. The BPDC ACM Student Chapter is characterized by our four cornerstones:

1. To expand ourselves into new horizons as we embark in mutually sharing knowledge and sustainable passion.
  2. To create an environment that caters to an individual's personal interests with potential for professional growth and learning
  3. To have our members explore a world of nuances involving the integration of computing with industry and research to be a career ready student
  4. To push boundaries as we grow and develop a community with a passion for programming, problem solving, research and team engagement.
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## Outstanding Community Service Essay Guidelines (4000 character maximum) \*

Tell us about each your chapter's community service project(s) - you may list a maximum of 4. Please ensure to enumerate each one and place in order from oldest to newest. Be sure to describe each project, including: the date (add end date if it was multiple days), who it served, how many people participated, and why was your chapter interested in these particular projects? If you have web pages for these projects, include the URLs. Please be sure to use your chapter's official name - do not refer to your chapter as 'ACM,' 'ACM-W' or 'WICS.' Please note, links to essays will not be accepted and will disqualify your chapter.

The BPDC ACM Student Chapter is committed to extending the impact of computing beyond campus by engaging with the broader community through inclusive, educational, and interactive initiatives. Through outreach programs, collaborative events, and hands-on sessions, the chapter has worked to inspire younger students, promote diversity in technology, and create meaningful learning experiences outside the classroom.

WiCoDE26 - Women in Computing (16 - 17 February 2026) (wicode-pearl.vercel.app): BPDC ACM Student Chapter co-organized WiCoDE26, the ACM Celebration of Women in Computing hosted by the Dubai ACM-W Professional Chapter, bringing together over 100 students, educators, industry professionals and 3 other ACM Student Chapters from across the UAE. The two-day event featured keynote talks, technical panels, workshops, ideathons, and networking sessions, serving a broad community of aspiring and established women in technology. By contributing to this initiative, BPDC ACM Student Chapter actively supported diversity and inclusion in computing, providing participants with mentorship opportunities, knowledge exchange, and a platform to showcase ideas and research.

Teach Program at Dubai International Academy : BPDC ACM Student Chapter conducted the ACM Teach Program at Dubai International Academy, Emirates Hills, benefiting school students across multiple grade levels. On 9 October 2025, over 60 students from Grade 5 participated in a hands-on workshop where they built their own chatbots using Gemini, learning the basics of artificial intelligence in an engaging and accessible manner. This was followed by a second session on 20 February 2026 for Year 10 students, where 45 participants explored dynamic website development with SQL connectivity and built interactive chatbot-based web applications. Across both sessions, students gained exposure to real-world computing concepts through guided, practical activities, fostering early interest in technology and problem solving.

ACM Code Blue initiative: BPDC ACM Student Chapter organized interactive stall-based events aimed at engaging younger audiences and school students during campus outreach activities. Password Hunter (22 September 2025) challenged participants through multi-level password-cracking puzzles, encouraging logical reasoning and adaptability in a fast-paced environment. Hacker's Hideout (13 November 2025), conducted during BITS Technofest, was specifically designed for school students, where 30 participants acted as digital detectives solving puzzles and uncovering clues. These events collectively engaged a large number of participants and successfully promoted analytical thinking, teamwork, and curiosity in computing through fun, accessible formats.

ACM x Wingstop Engagement Event (15 September 2025): BPDC ACM Student Chapter collaborated with Wingstop to host an interactive campus event that combined technology-driven challenges with community engagement. With over 150 participants, the event featured quick technical puzzles and logic-based tasks that participants solved to unlock rewards, alongside interactive physical challenges. Designed to create an inclusive and engaging environment, the event attracted a wide student audience and fostered a sense of community while introducing elements of problem-solving and teamwork in a relaxed, accessible setting.

Through these initiatives, BPDC ACM Student Chapter has made meaningful contributions to its surrounding community by introducing younger students to computing, promoting inclusivity, and creating engaging platforms for learning and interaction. These efforts reflect the chapter's commitment to using technology as a tool for education, outreach, and community building.

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