

# ACI-LAC Young Airport Professional Award 2025

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## Who should participate:

Airport Professionals, at or under 35 years old, currently working at any ACI-LAC Member.

## How to participate:

Upon endorsement by their Airport CEO, the young airport Professionals will submit a research paper on the selected topic of airport management, for a panel of judges to review.

The candidate should be able to provide insightful and structural analysis, demonstrate creativity and innovation to proposed solutions, and show vision towards the future aviation industry.

## The Award

The winner will be awarded with the title of "ACI-LAC Young Professional of the Year" and will be invited to present the winning paper at the ACI-LAC Annual Conference and Exhibition that will be held in Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago 5-7 October 2025.

## Panel of Judges

The panel of judges will review the submissions and will select the winning research paper. The Panel of judges will be formed by top independent Industry Executives.

## Possible Research

### Fostering a Cybersecurity Culture Across the Airport Ecosystem

The accelerated integration of new technologies in airport environments has significantly increased exposure to cyberattacks. In response to this evolving threat landscape, it is essential that airports reinforce their investments in cybersecurity strategies that cultivate an institutional culture of intersectoral collaboration and shared accountability. The absence of robust protective measures could lead to severe impacts, potentially jeopardizing the continuity of airport and airline operations.

In the research paper, candidate is required to:

- Identify key technologies adopted at airports and the potential impact of cybersecurity threats;
- Analyze external threats to the industry that may impact airport operations;
- Analyse the potential impact of such threats would have at the airport and the airport community;
- Describe how airports should collaborate and promote cybersecurity Across the Airport Ecosystem.

*Note: Projects already implemented at your airport that strengthen security culture will be favourably considered.*

## Submission Guidelines

The research paper submitted should be in Times New Roman 12pt font on A4 sized paper of no more than 2,000 words. References and annexes cannot exceed 5 pages.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 3, 2025**

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