



CALLING
CARIBBEAN ARTISTS

THE ACHEA 25TH ANNIVERSARY ARTWORK DESIGN COMPETITION

THEME: CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

ADMINISTRATION: PAVING THE WAY FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER

Create an original design to serve as the official visual identity for the 2026 ACHEA Conference.

WHO CAN ENTER

Open to students currently enrolled in any programme at any Caribbean-based tertiary level institution.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submission Size: 18" x 24"

Medium: Acrylic, oil, watercolour, gouache, chalk pastels, India ink, pencils, charcoal, or mixed media. Artists must submit a digital version of their final artwork in high-resolution (300 DPI) in JPEG, PNG, or PDF format for judging to journal@acheacaribbean.org.

PURCHASE AWARD

The winning artist will be awarded US\$250.

DEADLINES

- Entry Form: February 28, 2026
- Digital Copy of Artwork: April 25, 2026
- Announcement of Winner: May 15, 2026
- Physical winning entry submission: May 31, 2026

Full details of the Competition at bit.ly/achea_artbrief

Submit your Entry Now!



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Visit the ACHEA website at www.acheacaribbean.org



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COMPETITION BRIEF

The Association of Caribbean Higher Education Administrators (ACHEA) will celebrate its 25th anniversary on July 5th, 2026. Established in 2001, ACHEA's mission is to develop leadership and management capacity, and promote high professional and ethical standards among Caribbean higher education administrators. As we celebrate our 25th anniversary, we acknowledge the significant changes that have impacted the higher education sector since the establishment of ACHEA. We are also keenly aware of the new challenges and opportunities that we must navigate, and the leadership imperative for innovation, resilience, and sustainable growth.

As we reflect on our achievements to date, and consider the way forward, the 2026 annual conference will focus on the exploration of strategies and practices that are shaping the future of higher education across the Caribbean region. This year's conference, to be held in The Bahamas from July 2-5, 2026, is aptly themed **Celebrating Excellence in Higher Education Administration: Paving the Way for the Next Chapter.**

In commemoration of our 25th anniversary, we are pleased to announce the **ACHEA 25th Anniversary Artwork Design Competition**, open to students enrolled at registered higher education institutions across the Caribbean region.

COMPETITION OBJECTIVE

We are seeking a signature piece of original artwork that captures the spirit of our 25-year journey, while looking boldly toward the future. The winning design will serve as the official visual identity for the 2026 Annual Conference and will be featured on promotional materials, digital platforms, and the official conference booklet.



Design Alignment & Theme

Your submission should visually interpret the conference theme: **Celebrating Excellence in Higher Education Administration: Paving the Way for the Next Chapter.**

Artists are encouraged to consider the following conceptual pillars:

- **The Caribbean Context:** Elements that reflect the vibrant, diverse, and interconnected nature of the Caribbean region.
- **Legacy & Growth:** Visualizing the transition from 25 years of established excellence to a new era of innovation.
- **The Next Chapter:** Representing sustainable growth and the future.

Submission Criteria & Technical Specifications

To ensure the winning piece can be adapted for conference branding, please adhere to the following:

Size: 18"x24"

Medium: Acrylic, oil, watercolour, gouache, chalk pastels, India ink, pencils, charcoal, or mixed media. The winner will be required to submit the actual artwork.

Digital Version: All artists must submit digital versions of their artwork in high-resolution (300 DPI) in JPEG, PNG, or PDF format for judging to journal@acheacaribbean.org.

The winner irrevocably transfers all rights to the submitted artwork, including physical possession, to the Association of Caribbean Higher Education Administrators.

Judging & Selection Process

Submissions will be evaluated by a panel of administrators and professional artists based on the following:

- **Relevance to Theme (40%):** How well the work interprets the Conference theme.
- **Aesthetic Impact (30%):** Originality, composition, and visual appeal.
- **Cultural Resonance (20%):** Reflection of the Caribbean higher education identity.
- **Technical Execution (10%):** Quality of the finish and adaptability for branding.

Eligibility & Purchase Award

- Open to students currently enrolled in any higher education institution across the Caribbean.
- The winning artist will receive a purchase award of US\$250.
- The winning artist will be formally recognized during the opening ceremony and at the Conference Gala Event.
- The physical artwork will be exhibited at the Conference.
- Photos of artwork submitted by all finalists, including the winning artist, will be displayed on the ACHEA website.

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