Doctoral Consortium Call for Nominations

Doctoral Consortium at the 10th Conference on Health IT and Analytics
Thursday, November 14th

Main Conference: November 15 and 16th, 2019 | Washington Hilton, DC
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We are pleased to announce the CHITA 2019 Doctoral Consortium as a pre-conference event at The 10th Conference on Health IT and Analytics. The consortium will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2019, from 1 pm to 6 pm, with a dinner following, in Washington, DC. The Doctoral Consortium will provide an opportunity for doctoral students to receive feedback on their research from senior researchers, network and discuss career issues. All interested PhD students and recent post-docs working on research in the areas of health information systems, health economics, health analytics and informatics, clinical fields and health policy are invited to apply, as we are seeking multi-disciplinary conversations.

Confirmed faculty advisers include (with more advisers being added):
- Ritu Agarwal, Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland
- Gordon Gao, Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland
- Jeff McCullough, School of Public Health, University of Michigan

Application Selection Process
Acceptance to the Doctoral Consortium will be based on a review of the application materials. Preference for attendance will be given to PhD students who have determined the direction of their dissertation research, but who still have substantial work to complete, or PhD candidates who are in the early stages of their dissertation research, and to those whose institutions or fields would not otherwise be represented. There is no cost to attend the doctoral consortium, and participants will receive $500 in travel support reimbursement. Attendees are required to register for the main conference.

Application Submissions
1) A 1-page informational document with: Name of applicant; Institutional affiliation; Dissertation title (if applicable); Expected completion date; Educational background; Professional background / prior work experience; Future career aspirations.
2) A summary of the applicant's research (maximum of 2 pages)
3) A brief letter from the dissertation chair/advisor supporting the student's participation in the Doctoral Consortium.
4) Please submit all application materials as a single PDF file at: go.umd.edu/CHITA2019easychair
Important dates:
Application and letter of recommendation due date: Friday, August 16th, 2019
Decision notification: Friday, September 6th, 2019
Doctoral Consortium: Thursday, November 14th, 2019

For questions, please contact Gordon Gao (ggao@rhsmith.umd.edu), or Jeff McCullough (jemccull@umich.edu), this year’s CHITA Doctoral Consortium co-chairs. Please share this announcement with any doctoral students you know who might be interested. For further information and updates about the CHITA conference, please visit go.umd.edu/CHIDS2019

CHITA is hosted by the Center for Health Information and Decision Systems (CHIDS) at the Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland College Park, in partnership with the University of Michigan School of Public Health with support from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

About the Center for Health Information & Decision Systems

The Center for Health Information & Decision Systems (CHIDS) is an academic research center in the Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland at College Park. CHIDS works in collaboration with industry, clinical and government partners to develop solutions to the challenges surrounding the design, adoption and integration of information technologies into the healthcare system. The research at CHIDS seeks to understand how digital technologies can be more effectively deployed to address outcomes such as patient safety, healthcare quality, efficiency in healthcare delivery, and a reduction in health disparities. CHIDS draws on the expertise of the Decision, Operations & Information Technologies Department (DO&IT) at the Smith School and the University of Maryland Schools of Engineering, Public Health, Medicine, and Pharmacy. DO&IT is acknowledged by several publications as a Top 5 performer in research production worldwide and the Information Systems group ranks in the top 10 worldwide in Business Week and U.S. News and World Report. Since its inception in 2005, CHIDS has served as a focal point for thought leader-ship around the topic of digitally-enabled health transformation.

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