Doctoral/Postdoctoral Consortium

Instructions for the Poster Presentations

The Doctoral Consortium provides an opportunity for doctoral and postdoctoral students to explore and develop their research interests in an interdisciplinary workshop, under the guidance of a trans-disciplinary panel of distinguished researchers, artists, and innovators. We invite students to benefit from this kind of feedback on their dissertation work or postdoctoral research at the interface between the arts, science, engineering or medicine, to apply for this unique opportunity to share their work with students and senior researchers in the field.

Goals of the Consortium:

- Provide a curated setting where students can present their work in poster format and meet other students, and senior researchers from USA, Europe, Latinoamerica and Asia.
- Provide feedback on students’ current research and guidance on future research directions.
- Promote networking and career development.
- Contribute to the conference goals through active participation and interaction with other researchers and conference events.

The Consortium will be held on Monday-Wed, July 25-27, 2016. The consortium will be a single track organized along the conference events with about 20 students attending. Applicants who are selected will receive travel support (round-trip e-class flight and all-inclusive accommodations) and reduced registration.

Application to the Consortium:

If you are interested in attending the conference and consortium, please email your NSF-formatted biosketch, a letter of recommendation from your advisor, one page abstract, and a cover letter to Jose Luis Contreras-Vidal at jcontreras-vidal [at] uh.edu. For full consideration, please apply by May 27, 2016.

The application must be submitted as a single PDF file. Additional details about the expected content can be found here.

- The one-page abstract must contain: a) Research objectives/goals/questions; b) Background/literature review of key works that frames your research; c) Hypothesis/thesis and/or problem statement; d) Your research approach and methods, including relevant rationale; e) Preliminary data; and f) expected
contributions or results from the work and potential societal impact.

- The cover letter must contain a research description covering central aspects of your PhD or postdoctoral work, including a) Your situation, i.e., the university doctoral program context in which your work is being conducted; b) Context and motivation that drives your dissertation or postdoctoral research; c) Dissertation/research status and next steps, and d) what do you expect to contribute to or gain from participation at the conference.

It is essential for you to ensure that your submission is complete and in accordance with the NSF biosketch format and content guidelines for the Doctoral/Postdoctoral Consortium. Because the Consortium Committee expects to receive a large number of applications, submissions that do not meet these requirements will be returned without review. The strongest candidates will be those who have a clear topic and research approach, and have made some progress, but who are not so far along that they can no longer make changes. In addition to stating how you will benefit from participation, both you and your advisor should be clear on what you can contribute to the Doctoral/Postdoctoral Consortium. Acceptance email are expected to be sent by April 15, 2016 or earlier to selected applicants.

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