Call for Papers for CIS-DC 2017

This year's Doctoral Colloquium features 3 presentation tracks, to allow for greater participation and suitability for researchers at any stage. Remember that you may only apply for ONE track. Each track will feature a prize for the best presenter/paper. The Colloquium is open for all students of the School of Computing and Information Systems.

3 Minute Track

This is the exciting new format in the CIS-DC! A 3-minute RHD presentation at the start of the Colloquium, it is patterned from the 3-Minute Thesis (3MT) competition. This is an exercise in developing academic and research communication skills by reducing your complex research down to simple statements. It challenges students to consolidate their ideas and research discoveries so they can present a clear, concise, yet engaging presentation of their research project in three (3) minutes to a non-specialist audience.

All PhD students at any stage are free to participate. However, this format would be well-suited for early-stage researchers, i.e., pre-confirmation, as it will provide the avenue for them to present their topics to the school and hopefully catalyse collaborations. Of course, later-stage researchers might still opt to participate here as practice for the actual 3MT competition!

Participants are required to include a single slide to facilitate a clear understanding of your PhD topic. Best speaker will receive a prize.

Paper Track

The Paper Track invites RHD students to present their thesis proposal or results. The participants will have up to 20-minutes to present their research work to their peers and academic experts in the field.

The most benefit can be gained by PhD candidates who have a clear proposal (accepted/confirmed), a literature review completed, and who have a clear understanding and justification for the research methodology they will use in their PhD. The advisors in the Doctoral Colloquium will focus on assisting these students with critique, and with tips about moving the thesis forward and dealing with traps in the methodology. In order to facilitate the opportunity for questions, criticisms and feedback, it is requested that presenters leave (at minimum) 5 minutes for questions.

Paper submissions will also be reviewed in order to facilitate maximum benefit to those presenting. Best paper, and best paper presentation will receive a prize.

Poster Track

RHD students are invited to submit posters of their academic work. Posters will be showcased for 1 hour, and authors will present their work during that time. It is a great opportunity to present a pertinent aspect of your research, such as a methodology or framework where visuals are needed and could be used to their full advantage.

All RHD students are also free to participate, and will benefit researchers at any stage. However, we believe this would be particularly useful for students who would like more face-to-face

interaction with the audience. This could be useful for networking, e.g., with industry guests in attendance. Best poster and presenter will win a prize.

Prizes

Fantastic prizes will be awarded to the following categories:

- Best 3 Minute Presentation/Speaker
- Best Paper
- Best Paper Track presentation
- Best Poster Presentation

In addition, all those who are chosen to present will receive a *Certificate of Participation*.

Online Publication Notice

The proceedings of the Colloquium will be published in the website of the School of Computing and Information Systems. As a result, we have had some issues in the past where students submitting a paper to external academic journals or conferences, with the same title as the paper they submitted to the Colloquium, have been flagged. **We therefore advise that you change the <u>title</u> of your paper submission to the Doctoral Colloquium.**