The Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Special Interest Group on the Design of Communication (SIGDOC) invites you to submit a proposal to this year's Student Research Competition (SRC) sponsored by Microsoft. The SRC offers a forum for undergraduate and graduate students to present their original research at a well-known ACM-sponsored conference before a panel of judges and attendees.

Undergraduate and graduate students are invited to submit proposals of up to 800 words on topics related to the design of communication, which may include:
- Content strategy
- User experience and experience architecture
- International and intercultural communication design
- Learning systems/environments
- Open source design solutions
- Collaborative platforms
- Design methods and principles
- Digital humanities and design
- Project management
- Information design and architecture
- Computer-mediated communication

Please submit proposals to the SRC coordinator: Jason Swarts (jswarts@ncsu.edu).
Up to 15 undergraduate and 15 graduate students will be selected to enter the SRC that will be held at SIGDOC, October 4-6, 2019, in Portland, OR.

Students selected for the SRC will receive grants from Microsoft that will reimburse travel expenses up to $500 for SRC attendees (students are responsible for their conference registration and SIGDOC membership, which begins at $19/year).

Important Dates
Please observe the following deadlines for participation in the SRC:
- Proposals Due: January 25th, 2019 (Acceptances by February 15th, 2019)
- Extended Abstract Due: April 5th, 2019
- Reviewer Comments on Abstracts: by May 3rd, 2019
- Final Version of Extended Abstracts: June 21st, 2019
- Poster Workshop (details TBA): week of September 23rd, 2019

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What is the SRC?

The SRC consists of two rounds of competition at the conference, as well as the possibility to move on to a grand finals competition at a later date.

First Round Competition

The first round of competition is a poster session. This is your opportunity to present your research in the areas specified in the Call for Submissions. Judges will review the posters and speak to participants about their research; five semi-finalists from each division (undergraduate and graduate) will be chosen to present at the second round of the competition.

Second Round Competition

Semi-finalists continue by giving a short presentation of their research before a panel of judges, with a supporting PowerPoint presentation. Evaluations are based on the presenter's knowledge of his/her research area, contribution of the research, and the quality of the oral and visual presentation. Three winners will be chosen in each division (undergraduate and graduate) and will receive a medal and $500, $300, and $200, respectively.

The SRC Grand Finals

First-place undergraduate and graduate student winners from the SRC will advance to the SRC Grand Finals. A different panel of judges evaluates these winners against each other via the Web. Three undergraduates and three graduates will be chosen as the SRC Grand Finals winners. They are invited, along with their advisors, to the annual ACM Awards Banquet, where they receive formal recognition.

The requirements for participation in the SRC are:

- You must be a current ACM student member (rates begin at $19/year)
- If selected, you must register for the SIGDOC 2019 conference
- You must be a graduate or undergraduate student at the time of proposal submission
- You must submit an extended abstract of no more than 800 words on a topic of relevance to the host conference, SIGDOC 2019
- Only undergraduates may propose team-based research. Graduate students must propose individual research projects.
- For undergraduate teams, one person should be designated by the team to attend the conference and make the oral presentation. This person along with another team member will be eligible for travel reimbursement for up to $500.00.
- If you propose to the SRC, you cannot propose to the main SIGDOC conference.