

Expanding Doctoral Consortium Participation at ICMI

Conference:

ICMI, the International Conference on Multi-Modal Interaction, is being held in Glasgow, United Kingdom, from November 13th – 17th, 2017. The conference is a premiere venue for the publication of multi-modal interaction research, and is an excellent opportunity for researchers and graduate students to network, present results, and plan future work.

Purpose:

The goal of this project is to broaden participation in the Doctoral Consortium and to increase the prominence of the Doctoral Consortium at ICMI. In particular, we currently have funding to support students from Scotland to attend the Doctoral Consortium, and three students from Scotland have applied to attend. We can also leverage related funding to support a student from the United States who submitted a high quality proposal. Alongside these four students, we have high quality doctoral consortium proposals from students from England (2 students), France (2 students), and Switzerland, Spain, Sweden, and New Zealand. At present, no funding is available to support the non-Scottish/American students.

With increased funding from the ACM, our goal is to increase the size and prominence of the Doctoral Consortium in two ways:

- First, with funding, we can provide partial support for currently unfunded students from outside of Scotland/United States. This potentially triples the size of our student population by providing partial support for 12 (versus 4 at present) students.
- Second, with a larger pool of Doctoral Consortium students, it is possible to provide additional exposure to DC participants during the main conference. In particular, we would like to provide students with an opportunity to present during a specialized DC session scheduled during the conference. If only four students attend, this would be a small session. However, with 12 DC participants, we envision organizing a parallel session for DC students and encouraging conference attendees to view and engage with students during their presentation.

We believe there are significant potential benefits to an expanded DC, including:

- It encourages attendance by the students and the mentors at the whole conference.
- It fosters some collaborative opportunities for students and creates awareness of the great work being done by current graduate students.
- It fosters potential post-graduate work, either as post-doctoral fellows or as faculty members, when the research community's awareness of current graduates is expanded.
- It broadens the feedback beyond a small number of DC organizers to the entire community.

Funding:

We request \$9600 for this project. We will match this funding with additional funding provided for Scottish and American students. Funding from the ACM Conference Development Fund will be allocated based upon need, but will include support for registration for all DC participants (\$350 estimate) and a travel and accommodation offset for the 8 non-Scottish/non-American students. This travel and accommodation offset will be based upon relative costs, specifically up to \$1500 for the New Zealand student, up to \$750 for students from continental Europe, and \$375 for students from England. This represents a total budget of \$8800 in support of these students.

People:

Funding awards and expense claims will be jointly managed by Lisa Anthony, DC Co-Chair, Edward Lank, General Co-Chair, and Julie Williamson, Local Arrangements.