Title: Expanding Doctoral Consortium Participation at ICMI

Conference: 2017 ACM International Conference on Multimodal Interaction (ICMI)

Subject matter: Funding to support student travel to the ICMI 2017 Doctoral Consortium.

Funding: $9,275

Expense details: $8,593.15 to provide travel support for attending students. $90.87 to provide travel incentive for attending mentors who claimed it.

People: Doctoral Consortium Chairs: Lisa Anthony (University of Florida) and Marco Cristani (University of Verona, Italy); Conference General Chairs: Edward Lank (University of Waterloo) and Alessandro Vinciarelli (University of Glasgow, United Kingdom); ICMI Steering Committee Chair: Louis-Philippe Morency (Carnegie Mellon University)

Relevance: This project and funding is most relevant to the graduate students who were accepted into the ICMI 2017 Doctoral Consortium (and therefore qualified for a travel award). The availability of the travel award helped encourage attendance by the students at the whole conference. The ICMI community also will benefit from this funding because it ensured that our top students were able to participate in the international meeting, regardless of their home institution’s funding situation.

Potential value: The ICMI DC students had the opportunity to present their work and receive direct one-on-one feedback on both their work and their career questions during the DC. By being able to attend the whole conference, the DC students were able to make even more connections by networking with each other, the mentors, and other senior members of the research community. The ICMI DC students not only participated in the DC but they also presented their work during a spotlighted poster sessions during the main conference program. These travel grants fostered collaborative opportunities for the students and created awareness among the community of the great work being done by current graduate students. These opportunities will translate into long-term involvement and potentially even leadership within the ICMI community on the part of these students.

Additional funding: We received SICSA funding to support 3 students from Scotland to attend the Doctoral Consortium (transportation and hotel (if needed), and registration). We additionally used $1299.99 from prior year carry-overs from ICMI applications to the National Science Foundation to be used to support 1 student from a US institution to attend the Doctoral Consortium.

Actual expenses: $8,684.02

Student Travel Awards:

- Dimosthenis Kontogiorgos  $1214.00
- Nikita Mae Tuanquin  $2000.00
- Valentin Barriere  $ 967.48
- Soheil Rayatdoost  $ 995.34
- Maedeh Aghaei  $1018.00
- Beatrice Biancardi  $1162.95
- Katie Winkle  $ 521.94
- Tom Gayler  $ 713.44
- Eve Hoggan (mentor)  $ 90.87