



DESRIST 2008
**Third International Conference on Design
Science Research in Information Systems
and Technology**

Doctoral Consortium

The Doctoral Consortium is a workshop for Ph.D. students interested in and doing Design Research in Information Sciences and Technology who are in the early phases of their dissertation work (i.e., the consortium is not intended for those who are finished or nearly finished with their dissertation). The goal of the Doctoral Consortium is to help students with their theses and research plans by providing feedback and advice on using the research environment in a constructive and international atmosphere. Students will present and discuss ideas in their theses in the context of an international conference outside of their home university. The workshop will take place on a single full day.

A Panel of prominent researchers in the field of Design Science will provide feedback to the students. The format is likely to include presentation from students (focusing on the main theme of their theses, what they have achieved so far and how they plan to continue their work) immediately followed by extensive discussion and feedback from the Panel. The students will also get advice on more general questions, such as differences in different flavors of Design Research, funding and publication strategies, and thesis organization.

The consortium will also feature a Panel Discussion to address issues related to conducting doctoral work in Design Research in Information Sciences and Technology.

Call for Submissions

Students interested in participating in the Doctoral Consortium should submit an extended abstract describing their research. The topics of interest correspond to those for DESRIST, specified at <http://desrist2008.cis.gsu.edu>.

The extended abstract should be restricted to 3000 words (up to 6 pages), and will:

- clearly articulate research question(s),
- position the question(s) within significant problems in the field,
- summarize current knowledge of the problem, and state of the art for solutions,
- outline research plans and ideas, and results achieved so far,
- describe how the research is innovative, novel or extends existing approaches,
- show expected contributions to the research area, and
- outline plans, if any, for a demo of any design artifact at the consortium

To apply for participation at the Doctoral Consortium, please submit an extended abstract at the conference submission system, clearly indicating as a submission to the Doctoral

Consortium. Submissions will be judged on originality, significance, correctness, and clarity. Workshop participation is limited to 10 Ph.D. students.

Doctoral candidates from groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as women and minorities, are especially encouraged to apply.

Proceedings

Accepted abstracts will be distributed to participants as part of the DESRIST Proceedings and made available to participants at the conference.

Important Dates

29 Feb 2008	New deadline for submission of abstracts
15 March 2008	Notification of acceptance
10 April 2008	Camera-ready papers due
10 April 2008	Conference early registration
7 May 2008	Doctoral consortium
7-9 May 2008	DESRIST 2008

Funding

Funding from the National Science Foundation is available for students accepted to the Doctoral Consortium.

Location

The Doctoral Consortium at DESRIST 2008 will be held on campus at the Georgia State University, in downtown Atlanta, Georgia, stone's throw from CNN, Atlanta Underground, and the new Aquarium. Further details of the location are forthcoming.

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