



ISCRAM 2018

May 20–24, 2018
Rochester, NY, USA

Doctoral Colloquium Call for Participation

15th International Conference on
*Information Systems for Crisis Response
and Management*

INTRODUCTION TO THE DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM

Following the ISCRAM tradition, the Doctoral Colloquium will take place prior to the main conference on Sunday May 20, 2018. The colloquium is dedicated to doctoral students seeking careers as researchers in public, private and academic organizations with research interests in crisis management. The colloquium is also open to undergraduates.

The goals of the ISCRAM 2018 Doctoral Colloquium are three-fold:

- To develop and sustain a network of young scholars conducting high quality research in the area of Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management.
- To support the next generation of crisis management researchers by addressing issues relevant to the progression of a research career, as communication skills (both verbal and written).
- To allow participants to discuss their research with leading specialists, scholars and peers in an international setting.

This year's colloquium will focus on the visual and verbal communication of scholarly work. The morning session will begin with introductions and networking followed by sessions on how to properly summarise academic writing, and how to create and deliver appropriate powerpoint slides. Students will have the opportunity to create and workshop slides of their work.

The afternoon session will consist of learning and refining public speaking skills. We will look at developing skills in preparing for a talk, controlling a room, voice/tone control, appropriate movement, interacting with visual materials, fielding questions, and tips for handling difficult people and situations. Communicating your research effectively with your community is essential for an academic, and the aim of the day is to provide students with the tools and the confidence to do this.

At the end of the afternoon session, the students will put the skills they have learnt into practice, giving short presentations of their own research. They will get feedback both on the content of their work and on their presentation skills.

STUDENT RECRUITMENT

Eligibility

The aim of the colloquium is to assist candidates with their PhD research, only doctoral students who have not yet defended their thesis are eligible to apply.

Cost

The participation in the ISCRAM Doctoral Colloquium is free, and lunch and refreshments are included. However, participants in the Doctoral Colloquium must register for the main conference (a student rate is available).

How to apply

To apply, candidates should submit a single file by 1st March, 2018 to the Doctoral Colloquium chairs, via the ISCRAM ConfTool:

<https://www.conftool.pro/iscram2018/index.php?page=index> under theme D1 - Doctoral Colloquium. The file should include the following:

1. A short CV, no more than two pages, as a PDF file.
2. A short bio
3. An example of scholarly work either published or under review. If students have not yet submitted a paper describing their work, they can submit relevant class work (for students taking classes), or write a 2-page abstract summarising their research.

Those accepted for the colloquium will be notified by 1st April, 2018. This will allow successful applicants time to apply for US visas, where necessary.

If you have any questions, please email the organisers (see email addresses below).

TRACK CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR

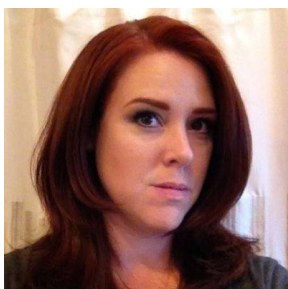
The colloquium will be chaired by Drs Fiona McNeill and Kathleen Moore



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