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 unique forum for undergraduate and graduate students to present their original research at a well-known ACM-sponsored conference, and receive feedback on their work from established members of the field.

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
- Information and communication design
- 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
- Computer-mediated communication

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

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 the 2018 SIGDOC conference, August 3-5 2018, in Milwaukee, WI.

**Important Dates**

- **Proposals Due: January 12th, 2018** (Acceptances by February 2nd, 2018)
- Extended Abstract Due: March 30th, 2018
- Reviewer Comments on Abstracts: by May 4th, 2018
- Final Version of Extended Abstracts: June 8th, 2018
- Poster Workshop (details TBA): week of July 9th, 2018
What is the SRC?

First Round Competitions

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 Competitions

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. First-place undergraduate and graduate student winners from the SRC will advance to the SRC Grand Finals.

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.

What do I need to do participate?

• You must be a current ACM student member (rates begin at $19/year)
• If selected to participate in the SRC, you must register for the SIGDOC 2018 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 2018: https://sigdoc.acm.org/conference/2018/src/
• 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 the same project to the main SIGDOC conference (and vice versa). You must choose which one to participate in
• To learn more about the SRC, visit http://src.acm.org
• If you have questions, email the Student Research Competition chair, Dr. Jason Swarts, at jswarts@ncsu.edu.