

INFORMS ISS 2016 Nunamaker-Chen Dissertation Award

- **SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED:**
 - Please note that the submission deadline has been extended to **August 22, 2016** (~~August 15, 2016~~) in view of many recent requests for extensions.
- **FORMAT OF SUBMISSION:**
 - All the required files must be submitted as a single PDF (~~ZIP~~) file on the NCD A EasyChair website. The system does not accept the ZIP file.

Call for Submission

The INFORMS Information Systems Society (ISS) invites submissions for the 2016 Nunamaker-Chen Dissertation Award (NCDA). The NCDA is named in honor of two University of Arizona professors, [Jay Nunamaker](#) and [Hsinchun Chen](#), who have made significant contributions to the field of Information Systems over the past several decades. The NCDA has been created to recognize and reward outstanding dissertation research by scholars in the field of Information Systems. The winner of the 2016 Nunamaker-Chen Dissertation Award will receive a US\$1000 prize.

Questions about the competition can be addressed to the ISS President, [Prof. Ramnath K. Chellappa](#) (Emory University, ramnath.chellappa@emory.edu) or to the general NCDA email address: ncda2016@easychair.org.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the 2016 competition, dissertations must be in the field of information systems and must have been completed in the period from June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016. Candidates must have successfully defended their dissertations and should have received the final approval and all required sign-offs on their dissertation documents by May 31, 2016. Dissertations that do not meet these criteria will not be considered eligible for the award.

Submission Instructions

All applications materials must be received **no later than 5:00 PM US EDT on Aug 22 (~~Aug 15~~), 2016**. Any documents received after that date, and submissions without all of the appropriate documentation, will not be reviewed. INFORMS ISS encourages submissions from any country; however, all submitted materials must be in English.

Materials should be submitted to the Nunamaker-Chen Dissertation Award EasyChair website at: <https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ncda2016>

The following three documents are **required**. All three files must be submitted as a single PDF (~~ZIP~~) file on the NCDA EasyChair website. Submissions that do not meet these requirements will not be reviewed.

1. An extended abstract of the dissertation that highlights the significance of the problem, the methodological approach, and the key results and their potential applications. The extended abstract should be no more than 10 pages (1" margins, single-spaced, 12 point normal font, not including references, tables, or figures).
2. A copy of the entrant's current curriculum vitae.
3. A letter of recommendation from the entrant's dissertation advisor that describes the significance of the research and comments on the originality of the work.

Optional: If there are working papers or publications based on the dissertation, these can be cited in the extended abstract, and submitted as additional materials. All additional files should be included in the same PDF (~~ZIP~~) file that contains the three required documents.

Please note that in addition to uploading your PDF (~~ZIP~~) file on the EasyChair submission page, you will be required to provide contact information (in fields for Author 1), the title of the dissertation, a short abstract, and keywords.

Reviewing Process and Winner Announcement

A panel of judges composed of senior faculty members from top IS academic departments will review the submissions. Dissertations will be evaluated based on the following criteria: creativity and novelty, scope and magnitude of contribution to IS research, relevance to practice, technical quality, and richness of methodological approach.

Finalists will be notified by September 15, 2016 and the winner will be announced during the INFORMS Conference on Information Systems and Technology (CIST) in Nashville, November 12-13, 2016.