The CHIIR Doctoral Consortium provides an opportunity for doctoral students working in the areas of user-centered approaches to the design and evaluation of systems for information access, retrieval, and use to present and discuss their research with experienced researchers and other doctoral students in a seminar format. We welcome submissions representing a broad spectrum of research topics relevant to the CHIIR community, including research on information (seeking and searching) behaviour (IB), human computer interaction (HCI), and information retrieval (IR).

The Doctoral Consortium focuses on advising students regarding their research. In addition, the DC provides students with an opportunity to establish a supportive community, including other doctoral students working in related areas or at a similar stage of their dissertation research.

The Doctoral Consortium is targeted to students roughly halfway through their Ph.D. program. At a minimum, students should have formulated their research problem, suggested methods, and at a maximum, to have submitted some of the early Ph.D. work for publication. The Doctoral Consortium is not appropriate for students who are nearly finished their Ph.D. work.

**Note: the CHIIR 2025 Doctoral Consortium will be an in-person event only.**

Submission instructions

Students submit a paper detailing their PhD research. The submitted paper, solely authored by the student, will be the basis for detailed discussions at the Doctoral Consortium. To get the most out of the discussion, it should include:

- Abstract.
- Motivation for the research.
- Background and related work.
- Description of proposed research, including main research questions.
- Research methodology, and, as appropriate, ongoing and planned experiments.
- Progress made so far, including known results, with citations if published.
- Future plans.
- References.

In addition, a one page appendix to the paper (placed after the references) must include the following:

- A detailed statement by the student explaining why they want to participate in the Doctoral Consortium at this point in their doctoral studies, and how they hope it will contribute to the development of their work.
- A short statement by the student's advisor/supervisor agreeing that the student would benefit by attending the DC. Advisors should also specifically indicate whether the

student has written, or is close to completing, a thesis proposal (or equivalent), and when they expect the student would defend their dissertation if they progress at a typical rate.

If accepted, the appendix will not be included in the published version of the paper.

Length: **Maximum 3,000 words** excluding references, and excluding the appendix.

Doctoral Consortium papers are not anonymous and should be submitted showing the author's name and affiliation and follow the conference submission guidelines.

Submissions will be reviewed by the Doctoral Consortium program committee. The review of each proposal will take into account the degree to which the student will benefit from participating in the consortium. Rejected submissions will receive written feedback. While the submissions are not anonymous, confidentiality of submissions will be maintained throughout the review process.

**Important dates**
**Doctoral Consortium Paper Submission:** October 31st, 11:59 pm (AoE)
**Notification:** December 12th, 2024

**Doctoral Consortium Chairs**
Kathy Brennan (Google, US)
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Ashlee Edwards (Reddit, US)