

# Doctoral Consortium – Call for participants

The IEEE International Joint Conference on Biometrics (IJCB'17) Doctoral Consortium provides a forum for Ph.D. students to discuss their research and career objectives with the international research community in Biometrics. It enables the doctoral students to establish new contacts and collaborations with senior researchers in the community and to get exposure to career options in both academia and industry.

The Doctoral Consortium will be a half-day event, starting in the morning at 10 am with a 30mins spotlight oral session for each student to briefly pitch their thesis research, followed by a poster session where the students can have more interactive discussions with the senior researchers. Attendance will be by invitation only, and each student will be paired with a senior researcher serving as their main mentor in the consortium. The poster session will be followed by a catered lunch where more informal conversation could occur between the student and mentor.

Eligible students are invited to apply for the Doctoral Consortium. Successful applicants are expected to participate actively in the whole program.

## Eligibility

We encourage submissions from Ph.D. students who are already working on their dissertations with some results already published or close to publication. We encourage diversity and equality, both regarding research topics as well as participating institutions and individuals. We do not expect more than two students to be invited from each institution to represent a diverse sample. Women and individuals from underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply. It is not necessary to have a paper appearing in IJCB'17 to apply to participate.

## Submission

To apply for the Doctoral Consortium, please submit:

- A research statement to summarize the thesis research topic, the working plan, and the progress to date (max 2 pages).
- A CV (max 1 page).
- A supporting letter from the thesis advisor that endorses the student's application to this Doctoral Consortium and briefly describes the progress or status of the student's thesis work.

All materials should be prepared in a single PDF file and submitted through via email to the Doctoral Consortium Chairs Gang Hua and Damon Woodard at [ijcb2017dc@gmail.com](mailto:ijcb2017dc@gmail.com) .

## Review and Selection Process

Applications will be evaluated on:

- Quality of the research.
- Expected benefits for the student's research.
- Student's contribution to the diversity of topics, backgrounds, methodology, etc.

There will be no papers published from the doctor consortium.

## Financial Support

Only students selected for participation in the Doctoral Consortium are considered for financial support for travel, lodging and registration expenses. The number and size of the offers of financial support are contingent upon available funds.

## Important Dates

- Submission deadline: July 15, 2017
- Notification of acceptance: August 15, 2017
- Doctoral consortium date: TBA, 2017