Call for CSCL 2011 Doctoral Consortium Workshop Proposals:

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The CSCL 2011 Doctoral Consortium Workshop, designed to support the growth of young talents in the field of CSCL, provides an opportunity for advanced Ph.D. students to share their dissertation research with their peers and a panel of faculty serving as mentors. Participants will engage in collaborative inquiry and scholarly discourse to improve their dissertation work and to advance their understanding of CSCL. To benefit from the Doctoral Consortium Workshop, applicants should be advanced graduate students, and be at a stage in their dissertation research where the participants and mentors may be of help in shaping and framing the research and analysis activities.

Objectives and Design

The Doctoral Consortium Workshop aims to

- provide an opportunity for participants to reflect on their dissertation research and to highlight problems/issues for further discussion and inquiry;
- provide a setting for participants to contribute ideas as well as to receive feedback and guidance on their current research;
- provide a forum for discussing theoretical and methodological issues of central importance to CSCL;
- develop a supportive community of scholars in CSCL across countries and continents;
- collaborate and draw upon literature across countries and institutions;
- contribute to the conference experience of participating students through interaction with other participants and consortium faculty; and
- support young researchers in their effort to enter the learning sciences research community.

The Doctoral Consortium Workshop will last for 1.5 days scheduled during the pre-conference events. The specific design of the workshop will vary

depending on the final selected group of participants. Generally, it will include these principles and activities:

Doctoral Consortium Workshop activities are organized around small-group interactions supported with technology. During the workshop, participants will first present their research briefly to familiarize each other with their dissertation project and highlight specific aspects they would like to have further discussion on -- These may include specific problems that the student is seeking input on how to approach them; intriguing issues and tensions for CSCL research generally; methodological problems that other Ph.D. students are likely to be confronting, or issues that have the potential of stimulating discussions of theoretical and methodological significance.

Then, based on the common issues and themes identified (theoretical models, research design and questions, pedagogy and technology, data collection, methods of analysis etc.) participants will form small groups supported by an expert mentor, to engage in further inquiry and discussion -- Participants will work on the various problems and issues identified making reference to their own dissertation project and the broader field of CSCL. As well, they also have the opportunity to raise questions, provide suggestions, and help each other to improve their dissertation research.

After the small group interactions, participants will report their progress and new questions to the whole group. Plans for further joint activity will be discussed as well. Computer-supported design and forum interaction may be incorporated to support the collaboration among workshop participants.

Who Should Submit

The CSCL 2011 Doctoral Consortium Workshop is open to those Ph.D. candidates who are most likely to benefit from the intended goals through collaborative interaction. Generally, applicants will have completed their dissertation proposal (or equivalent), and be at a stage in their work where the consortium participants may be of help in shaping the design and analysis. If you are early in your programme or you will have completed your dissertation at or around the time of the Consortium, you should not apply.

For instance, in the US, a student who has completed his or her dissertation proposal, and might have collected some data might be at the right stage; or in the British and Asian systems someone who has successfully transferred from Phil to PhD might be at a suitable stage.

Funding will be available for accommodation and registration, and depending on funds availability, there will be partial support for travel.

Applicants who have queries about eligibility or other questions should send email to cscldc2011@dolcelab.org

How to Submit

Participants for the Doctoral Consortium will be selected on the basis of the academic quality of their proposal; relevance and potential contribution to the field of CSCL; recommendation from the Advisor; and their anticipated contribution to the workshop goals. The proposals will be reviewed by two experts in the field from around the world. Emphasis will be placed on forming a diverse group of high quality students internationally. An effort will be made to keep the participating group small to encourage interaction and collaboration.

Each proposal should contain the following:

1) A cover sheet with your name, title of your research project/ dissertation, your advisor's name (or thesis chair's name, as appropriate), your institution, your e-mail address, your phone and fax numbers, and your mailing address.

2) A 5-page summary of your research including tables, figures and references using the *format specified by the CSCL 2011 general submission guidelines* for CSCL papers. The summary should include the following: (a) Goals of the research; (b) Background of the project; (c) Methodology; (d) Current status, preliminary results or results of pilot work; and (e) The particular issues/problems in your dissertation and CSCL research you would like to explore further in the discussion at the Workshop.

3) A letter of recommendation from your dissertation supervisor/ advisor. It should include an assessment of the current status of your work, and an expected date for dissertation completion.

All the materials should be put in one file (MS Word, RTF, or PDF) and submitted to the conference site. The 5-page summary proposal, after it has been accepted, will be disseminated for sharing and interaction with other participants in preparation for the Workshop.

Submission and Deadline

If you have any questions, please send email to cscldc2011@dolcelab.org

Final proposals should be submitted via the online submission system at
https://precisionconference.com/~cscl/

Proposals are due Feb 15, 2011