

## **ICLS2010**

### **Doctoral Consortium**

The Doctoral Consortium Workshop will provide an opportunity for Ph.D. Students around the world working in learning science-related areas to discuss their dissertation work among themselves and with more senior mentors. Most applicants will be advanced graduate students, and be at a stage in their work where the consortium participants may be of help in shaping the research or analysis activities.

The objectives of the Doctoral Consortium Workshop are:

- provide a setting for mutual feedback on participants' current research;
- provide guidance on future research directions;
- provide a forum for discussing methodological and theoretical issues of central importance to Learning Sciences;
- develop a supportive community of scholars in the Learning Sciences;
- develop a spirit of collaborative research across countries and institutions; and
- contribute to the conference experience of participating students through interaction with other participants and consortium faculty.

Doctoral Consortium Workshop activities are organized around small-group interactions. During the workshop participants will first be asked to introduce themselves through a short presentation about a particular aspect of their dissertation research that they would like to discuss because: they are seeking input on how to approach it, it is an intriguing problem for Learning Sciences generally, it is an issue other doctoral students are likely to be confronting, or it has the potential for stimulating discussions of methodological and theoretical importance. Then, based on the issues for discussion (theoretical, research question, data collection, analyses, relevance to practice, design, writing, etc), participants will form small groups (4 students), and be assigned an expert mentor for further discussion. After the intensive small group interactions, participants will report their progress to the consortium. Plans for further joint activity will be discussed as well. The Doctoral Workshop will precede the ICLS 2010 Conference, taking place all day June 28 and half day June 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Timeline**

*Feb 15, 2010* - Submissions due by 11:59 pm EDT

*March 15, 2010* - Notification of acceptance by email to submitter

### **Who Should Submit?**

The ICLS '10 Doctoral Consortium provides an opportunity for advanced Ph.D. students in fields related to the Learning Sciences to share their current research with their peers and a panel of faculty selected from across our field. Consortium participation is open only to Ph.D. candidates.

in the U. S., who are near dissertation stage or who have completed dissertation proposals.

in Europe and Asia, the equivalent stage (e.g., in the UK, who have successfully transferred from MPhil to PhD and/or are in the second year of a PhD programme) – any queries about eligibility should be sent by email to Jerry Andriessen [Jerryandriessen@xs4all.nl](mailto:Jerryandriessen@xs4all.nl)

Ideally, 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 research or analysis activities. If you will be 'done' with your dissertation at or around the time of the Consortium, you should not apply.

The Review and Selection Committee strives to identify a diverse group of high quality students to participate in the Doctoral Consortium. To encourage active participation and informal interactions as well as in-depth discussions, the total number of participants will be kept relatively small (15 or less).

### **Application Process**

To apply, please submit the following materials to [icls2010dc@gmail.com](mailto:icls2010dc@gmail.com),

1) A cover sheet with your name, title of your research project/ dissertation, your advisor's name, your institution, your e-mail address, your phone and fax numbers, and your surface mail address.

2) A 5 page summary of your research, in the format specified by the ICLS '10 general submission guidelines for ICLS papers. Include in this summary the goals of the research, background of the project, the methodology, current status, preliminary results or results of pilot work. The last part of the summary should include the particular issue you want to be the focus of the presentation and discussion at the Consortium (e.g., analyses, data collection, writing). This document will be used to select Consortium participants and will be circulated to other participants by way of summarizing your work and preparing for the actual presentation and discussion. In this way, the presentation does not have to provide the summary and can focus specifically on the issues of interest.

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

These materials should be in one file (word or pdf). All questions should be directed to [icls2010dc@gmail.com](mailto:icls2010dc@gmail.com)