

The 2021 Student-Organized Conference

Student-Organized-Colloquium Requirements

There are three formats acceptable for submission: full papers, extended abstracts, and posters.

Note Colloquium reviews are not blind. Please include all author information on your submitted work.

Full Paper

Suggested length 10-20 pages (single-spaced)

Full papers are more appropriate for work that is in progress and might be thought of as an intermediate progress report of the research. These papers are expected to provide a deeper discussion about the current status of the study and the preliminary findings. Depending on the type of research, this may include a detailed discussion of the model structure and preliminary output, or the setup used in group model building sessions, etc., for example. Full papers do not need to be completed research but need to have a substantial amount of progress completed in order to have a robust discussion section.

Full papers must contain the following sections.

- Introductions
- Background
- Methods
- Discussion/Analysis

- Results

Full papers will be considered for plenaries or posters.

Extended Abstract

Suggested length 2 pages (single-spaced)

This alternative is especially useful for students in the early stages of research or in the proposal stage. The purpose of submissions in this format is to receive feedback on the conceptualization of the problem and proposed work, relevance, and contribution of SD, the feasibility of the scope of work, insight into the next steps, etc.

Extended Abstracts must contain

- Introduction/ Problem Statement
- Background
- Current Status
- Next Steps

Extended Abstracts will be considered for posters.

Poster

Poster presentations are an interactive format in which the authors stand near a poster presenting their work and discuss it with one or two conference attendees at a time.

There can be one or more times devoted to poster presentations, and there are no other activities at the time of poster presentations. Posters can include completed projects or work that you are seeking feedback on.

Formatting Requirements for All Submissions

To aid the review process, we ask that students follow the general guidelines provided below for all submissions:

Single-spaced

3 cm margins all around

12-pt Times font or some equivalent

Clear figures, tables, graphs

Prose edited to eliminate typos and increase clarity

Poster submission format

Poster submissions should be in the form of a full poster that describes the dynamic problem or issue being addressed, the approach being used to address it, the current progress, results and findings, and concluding messages. Works cited should also be included.

Please provide a 1920 X 1180 high-quality PDF for your main poster format. The top of the poster must include the TITLE, AUTHOR(S), and INSTITUTION(S).

Recommend title lettering to be 60+ clearly readable font. Author(s) is responsible for all titles and headings. The poster should be self-explanatory, simple, and specific, presenting material in a logical, legible manner. Introduction, written material, photos,

charts, and graphs should be in a sequential fashion, and trademarks must be indicated where appropriate. Include references. A disclaimer may be posted to indicate that, "results and/or modifications are in preparation for publication and cannot be used without permission of the author(s)."

Content and Sequence Suggestions for All Submissions

- Introduce the problem and describe its relevance
- Describe previous work done in the field (i.e., how this problem has been addressed before in other fields, or how the field of has viewed this problem in the past, etc.)
- Discuss how the problem is an appropriate problem to address using SD or why it is relevant to the field
- Present your research question(s) and aim(s)
- Describe the potential contribution of your work or proposed work (i.e., what contribution can SD make, how this work can improve how SD is practiced, etc.)
- Describe the work you plan to do and how you plan to do it(or have already been proceeding).

For those presenting work on which significant progress has been made, describe the work you have already done, and consider addressing some of the following questions:

- What are the dynamics of the problem you are trying to understand and/or address?
- What are the model boundaries?
- What initial structures do you have and why is that a useful way to conceptualize the problem?
- What is your dynamic hypothesis?
- What model insights are you aiming to generate from your work?
- What are some of the major feedback loops in your model(s)?
- What/who are your data sources?
- What variables are endogenous, exogenous, and not included in your model?
- What current behavior modes is your model producing?
- What policies are you testing?
- What steps are you taking to build confidence in your model?
- What insights did you gain about the problem in the modeling process?
- What conclusions can you draw from your work at this time?