Call for Submissions GROUP 2022

ACM International Conference on Supporting Group Work, a PACM:HCI Affiliated Conference

January 23-26, 2022, Sanibel Island, Florida, USA
https://group.acm.org/conferences/group22/

The ACM International Conference on Supporting Group Work (GROUP) is a premier yet intimate and welcoming venue for research on Computer Supported Cooperative Work, Sociotechnical Studies, Practice-Centered Computing, Human Computer Interaction, Computer Supported Collaborative Learning, and related endeavors. GROUP 2022 works to integrate new hybrid participation formats and encourage research into broader questions across society and computing, while being truly international and interdisciplinary in organizational structure, as well as in participants.

Inclusion and Attendance
Our hope is that GROUP 2022 will be held as an in-person, physical event. However, we recognize the degree of uncertainty that many people currently face, and that some individuals may experience barriers to physical attendance that are insurmountable. At the same time, in order for a conference the scale of GROUP to remain financially viable, including for publication costs, we are considering a range of fees that will accommodate different levels of participation while simultaneously working to address various barriers to participation. These levels include a publication fee for publishing only, a virtual registration fee for participating and presenting virtually, and an in-person registration fee for physically attending and presenting at the conference. Additional details about these fee structures will be forthcoming soon.

Furthermore, amidst our changing societal and professional landscape, we recognize that structural and systemic inequities shape who is, and who is not, able to participate in ACM- and SIGCHI-sponsored events. In response, the GROUP 2022 organizers are pursuing several concrete steps. These include:

- providing variable conference registration fees, based on the UN Human Development Index (http://hdr.undp.org/en/content/human-development-index-hdi) for a participant's country of residence;
- application-based travel grants for attendees whose financial situation would otherwise prevent them from attending;
- providing proofreading services to authors whose native language is not English, and/or whose core academic community lies outside SIGCHI;
- organizing voluntary participant sharing of ground transportation and/or lodging in Sanibel.

Further details about each of these efforts will be made available on the GROUP 2022 website.

Key goals for the program are to encourage and facilitate researchers within CSCW, HCI for practice-centered computing, and sociotechnical studies to interact and to present recent research contributions. We also encourage research contributions from interdisciplinary groups to present work that might be difficult to place within one simple category. We are open to diverse and innovative research methods, and to contributions across broad areas such as systems, society, participation, critique, collaboration, and human interaction. GROUP 2022 in particular would like to encourage cross-disciplinary research across computing, social science, law, and algorithmic systems design, as well as researchers from industry, academia, government, and other interested groups to participate.

The main technical program at GROUP will welcome submissions in a variety of forms. Traditional Papers report on high quality, rigorous research results. We will also continue the submission category of Design Fiction, which may use a variety of speculative methods to explore the futures towards which technology research and design are working. Finally, we explicitly encourage shorter Notes style submissions, which maintain a high level of quality and rigor while focusing on a more circumscribed result that can be presented succinctly. To help set expectations, authors will have the opportunity to indicate to reviewers that their submission should be reviewed as a paper, a note, and/or as a design fiction.

All papers, design fictions, and notes will be published as part of one of the two special issues Proceedings of the ACM on Human Computer Interaction (PACM:HCI), which will be edited for it. ACM authoring templates and detailed instructions on formatting can be found at http://www.acm.org/publications/authors/submissions. Authors should submit manuscripts for review in a single column format, which is available for LaTeX at https://www.acm.org/binaries/content/assets/publications/consolidated-tex-template/acmart-master.zip and is available for Microsoft Word at https://www.acm.org/binaries/content/assets/publications/taps/acm_submission_template.docx. Papers have no fixed minimum or maximum number of pages. Paper length should be commensurate with contribution, and typical submissions are between 4,000 and 10,000 words. Main technical program submissions must be submitted online via the GROUP 2022 selection in Precision Conference Systems (PCS).

In recognition that research happens more frequently than a biennial conference, GROUP 2022 will offer authors two waves of submission opportunities. Both waves will undergo a rigorous two-round review process, to guarantee that the accepted submissions comply with the quality standards of a journal submission. Initial submissions that are reviewed positively will be invited to be revised and resubmitted. The first wave submission deadline is August 14, 2020, and accepted submissions will appear in PACM:HCI during mid-2021. The second wave submission deadline is May 14, 2021, and accepted submissions will appear in PACM:HCI no later than January 2022. Submissions that are accepted after the revision process from both waves will be presented at the conference at Sanibel Island, FL, January 23-26, 2022. It will be required that at least one author for each paper registers for the conference by the time the camera-ready

version of the accepted paper is completed for each submission wave. See below for a list of important dates.

Conference topics include (but are not limited to):

- Theoretical, methodological, and/or conceptual contributions about key concepts relevant to CSCW and HCI, including critique.
- Social, behavioral, and computational studies of collaboration and communication.
- Technical architectures supporting collaboration.
- New tools/toolkits for collaborative technologies.
- Ethnographic studies of collaborative practices.
- Coordination and workflow technology.
- Social computing and contexts of collaboration.
- Current work in, and future visions of, practice-centered computing.
- Social justice, ethical dimensions, and related issues in CSCW, HCI, and/or sociotechnical systems.
- Online communities, including issues of privacy, identity, trust, and participation.
- Cooperative knowledge management.
- Algorithmic decision-support systems, automation, and human-AI collaboration.
- Civic technologies and their uses.
- Organizational issues of technology design, use, or adaptation.
- Strategies for use of technology in business, government, and newer forms of organizations.
- The ethical conduct of research studying group work and sociotechnical systems.
- Emerging technologies and their design, use, or appropriation in work, home, leisure, entertainment, or education.
- Learning at the workplace (CSCL at work, Technology-Enhanced Learning, TEL).
- Co-located and geographically-distributed teams, global collaboration.
- Cultural and cross-cultural collaboration and communication.
- Mobile and wearable technologies in collaboration.
- Innovative forms of human computer interaction for cooperative technologies.

All dates below are at 23:59 Anywhere on Earth (AoE).

Important Dates (First Wave Submissions)

Abstract and Title Submission: August 7, 2020
Submission Deadline: August 14, 2020
1st Round Reviews and Notifications: October 9, 2020
Resubmit Contributions Invited for Revision: November 2, 2020
2nd Round Decisions: December 4, 2020

Important Dates (Second Wave Submissions)

Abstract and Title Submission: May 7, 2021
Submission Deadline: May 14, 2021
1st Round Reviews and Notifications: July 9, 2021
Resubmit Contributions Invited for Revision: August 9, 2021
2nd Round Decisions: September 11, 2021

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