Call for Proposals
2023 MIRS

University of North Texas
UNT Discovery Park
Denton, TX
December 1, 2023

Theme: Divergent Viewpoints in an Information Society

College of Information graduate students are invited to submit a proposal for the 2023 Multi-disciplinary Information Research Symposium (MIRS). The MIRS will occur on December 1 at the University of North Texas Discovery Park campus. Accepted presentations will support the learning, growth, and development of graduate students by showcasing new findings and innovative directions along within of the following areas:

- Completed empirical research studies
- Theoretical concepts
- Practitioner-oriented presentations focused on evidence-based practices
- Defenses (Portfolio, Pre-Proposal, or Dissertation Proposal)

Proposals must be submitted in the form of complete narrative papers. PowerPoint (or other) slides, summary tables, abstracts, or proposals to write a paper in the future will not be considered.

Please submit your proposals by November 18 to the following link:
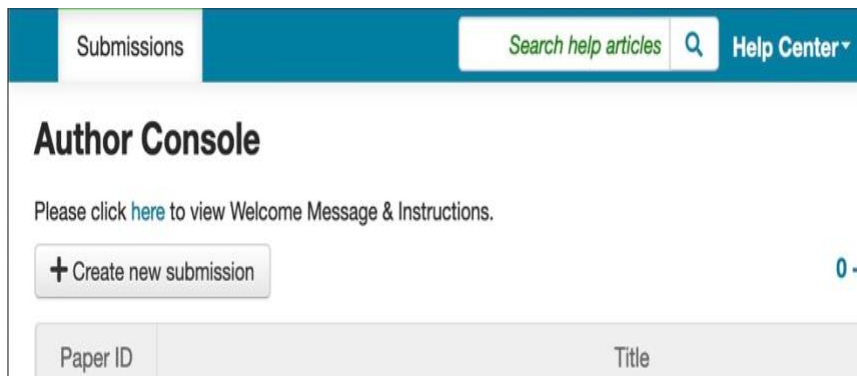https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/MIRS2023/
You will need to create an account using any email you choose by selecting Register.

Once your account is created, you will need to verify it. That email may go to Spam or Junk mail but will be sent from email@msr-cmt.org if you need to search.

Once in the system, you should be taken to the conference site. However, you may need to search All Conferences for UNT MIRS to find the conference the first time.

Once you locate the conference, click on the link. Then, select the *Create new Submission* button in the upper left above Paper ID.

Formatting Guidelines
Proposals must contain no author identification. References, tables, charts, graphs, images, and figures should be added to the end of the document and are not included in the word count. Submissions will be removed from consideration if the paper exceeds the word limit or includes author identification.

Word limits
- 15 words or fewer for Paper Titles
- 100-250 **words** (@1000 characters) for Abstract for Posters or Diversity Panels
- 750-1000 **words** (@4000-5000 characters) for *Full Paper* proposals considered for awards if accepted
    - Final versions of Full Papers should be submitted by January 15 for Conference Proceedings
- Check the number of characters for your abstract or proposal, because there are hard limits in the system for submissions

Session Types
When submitting, students must identify preferred session types from the following.

Full Paper sessions allow authors to present abbreviated versions of their papers, followed by audience questions and discussion in traditional stand-up presentations. The focus of these 20-minute sessions is on sharing information. When proposing a concurrent session, describe how you will engage and encourage interaction with your audience. Reading slides to your audience is not acceptable. Planners may group presentations of related content to form one 60-minute session. Full paper file submissions should be no more than 750-1000 words. These will be due one month after the symposium.

Poster presentations will allow presenters to share their research in a visual format. Presenters should be prepared to explain background literature, methods, analysis, and findings with attendees. A small table will support a display board, laptop, and handouts. Poster size is 48" x 36" horizontal/landscape layout. Presenters will design and bring

their posters to be attached to walls in the meeting space or to trifolds according to the student's preference.

Diversity Panel Sessions will focus on diversity topics for which students have completed research. Three panelists can be included in each moderated panel session with a maximum length of 25 minutes. Only two panels will be accepted and diversity is broadly defined to be inclusive of a number of sub-topics.

Proposal Scoring Rubric

All proposals will be scored out of 50 points according to the following criteria:

Criterion	Points
The topic is of interest to symposium attendees	10
Clarity of written and visual communication in the abstract	10
Significance of the submission's contribution to the field	15
Relevance of topic to library science, information science, data science, information technology, linguistics, or learning technologies, performance improvement, or human resource development	15

Key Dates and Deadlines

Date	Action
October 13, 2023	Call for Papers Published and Submission System Opens
November 1, 2023	Proposals Due
November 15, 2023	Proposal Reviews Complete
November 17, 2023	Accept / Reject Email Notifications
December 1, 2023	Presentations at MIRS

Conference proceedings for all accepted submissions will be published in January or February of 2024.

For questions about submissions, please contact mirs@unt.edu.