15th Annual ITERA Conference
ITERA 2017 - Call for Papers
April 7-9, 2017
Embassy Suites-Airport
Nashville, Tennessee USA

You are invited to join us for a fast-paced, academic conference that will explore information technology and telecommunications topics in industry, government, and education. The conference program will include:

- Academic Papers and Presentations, including:
  - Katherine Snow Award for Top Research Paper
  - Best Graduate Research Paper
  - Best Undergraduate Research Paper
- Industry Speakers and Presentations
- Technology Demonstrations and Tutorials
- The Annual ITERA Case Study Competition

ITERA is seeking abstracts, papers, and panel session proposals that address the diverse nature of theory and practice in the telecommunication and information technology fields. Topics that address the science, engineering, implementation, delivery, education, management, or security of networks and telecommunications services, policies, laws, economics, frameworks, protocols, performance, incumbent and emergent technologies are all encouraged and highly anticipated. For a detailed list of potential topics, please visit http://www.itera.org. Papers should be formatted according to APA guidelines or the ITERA formatting guidelines (available at http://www.itera.org). Additionally, submitted papers should be blinded with the authors' name and school removed for a blinded review.

For conference panels, tutorials, or demonstrations, submit a proposal detailing the importance of the suggested session to industry, education, or research; suggesting subtopics or content for this proposed session; and applicability to the ITERA 2017 conference. This proposal should not be longer than two pages. Please email a proposal in MS Word or PDF format to the program chair at hoagi@ohio.edu or bill.fredenberger@lipscomb.edu

Key Dates
30 January 2017  Deadline for:
- Extended Abstracts for Faculty (2-3 pages)
- Full Papers (maximum of 15,000 words)
- Session Proposals (maximum of 1,500 words)
- ITERA 2017 Researcher of the Year Award nominations
- ITERA 2017 Program of the Year Award nominations

27 February 2017  Notification of Acceptance for Proposals, Extended Abstracts, and Full Papers

Submission for authors will be at https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/ITERA2017

Research Paper Competition
Papers can be submitted in one of the following categories (research/professional, graduate student, or undergraduate student). All papers submitted to the conference will be considered for awarding of the "Best Paper Award" in their appropriate category, issued at the conference. Writing research papers is common for many students. However, writing an academic paper that is of top quality is a skill that requires training and experience. Here are some tips for writing a high-quality research paper:

1. **Choose a Topic:** Select a topic that is both interesting and feasible. It should be specific, manageable, and relevant to your field of study.
2. **Research Thoroughly:** Gather a large amount of data and evidence. Use a variety of sources, including books, journal articles, and online resources.
3. **Create an Outline:** Organize your thoughts and ideas. This will help you to structure your paper in a logical and coherent manner.
4. **Write a Draft:** Start writing your paper. Don't worry too much about perfection at this stage. The focus should be on getting the ideas down on paper.
5. **Revise and Edit:** Review your draft carefully. Check for errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Make sure your writing is clear and concise.
6. **Seek Feedback:** Share your paper with others and ask for their feedback. This can help you to identify areas that need improvement.

By following these tips, you can increase the chances of writing a high-quality research paper that will be accepted by the conference.
the discretion of the Conference Program Committee. The prestigious Katherine Snow Award and a monetary stipend will be awarded to the best paper in the research/professional category.

Session Proposals
Proposals for special sessions, panel sessions, tutorials, etc. should be submitted in writing to the conference committee. These proposals should highlight the topic(s) to be presented and discussed as well as the target audience. Additionally, a listing of potential participants should be included where applicable.

Ongoing Research Track
A top priority of the ITERA conference is to provide faculty a flexible, yet high payoff venue for presenting their research. While we welcome the presentation of any stage of academic and industry research, it is our strong feeling that we can also serve our members by encouraging the presentation of new research approaches, proposed research, and ongoing research in its early stages. We encourage faculty doing research to use the conference as an opportunity to present work that is in the early stages of development. In those cases where material is submitted to the conference and it is the desire of the authors that the work be published by ITERA, the authors can be confident in claiming that the work has undergone a full peer review.

About ITERA
The Information and Telecommunications Education & Research Association (ITERA) is a nonprofit academic organization committed to the advancement of telecommunications science through excellence in research and education. Telecommunication science draws from multiple disciplines, including communication and information technology management, and policy. ITERA seeks to advance telecommunications science through the creation of multiple forums for telecommunications and networking professionals, educators, and researchers. The ITERA conferences began in 2002 as the Murray State University Telecommunications & Information Technology Conferences (TSM 2002-2004). The success of the Murray State conferences helped establish the foundation for the creation of ITERA and the annually held ITERA Conference.

Additional questions about the 2017 conference should be directed to:

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