ACM SIGIR Conference on
Human Information Interaction and Retrieval (CHIIR)
2016 and 2017
Instructions for Submitting Formal Bids

About CHIIR
The ACM SIGIR Conference on Human Information Interaction and Retrieval (CHIIR) provides a forum for the dissemination and discussion of research on the user-centered aspects of information interaction and information retrieval. CHIIR focuses on elements such as human involvement in search activities, and information seeking and use in context. The conference represents a merger of two successful events: the Information Interaction in Context conference (IIiX) and the Human Computer Information Retrieval symposium (HCIR), which have run since 2006 and 2007 respectively. IIiX has traditionally attracted more attendees interested in information searching behavior and interactive IR, and HCIR has traditionally been more focused on search user interfaces. CHIIR builds upon the combined strengths of these events, placing an emphasis on human interaction with information, information seeking contexts, and user-centered approaches to information retrieval, access, and use.

In addition to studies of interactive systems to support information interaction and retrieval, CHIIR also encourages submissions on related topics. These include human-human information interaction, novel interaction paradigms, new evaluation methods, and research that draws upon related work in a range of communities such as sociology, ethnography, psychology, and human-computer interaction. We expect that accepted papers will contain rigorous evaluations of any new methods or measures that they propose, using techniques such as laboratory studies, field experiments, qualitative research designs, simulations of search behavior, or log analysis.

More information about CHIIR can be found online at http://www.chiir.org.

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Timing and Location
CHIIR is an annual conference taking place in March. The conference will alternate, at least initially, between North America and Europe. The 2016 event represents the first CHIIR. As such, we need to
establish the schedule for where the conference hosting cycle will begin. For this round, we welcome bids from any location in North America or Europe for CHIIR 2016 as well as CHIIR 2017.

Who May Bid

CHIIR will entertain bids from any group or organization performing research in relevant research areas. CHIIR expects the organizers to (1) be recognized and active members of the information interaction and retrieval research community, and (2) be active participants in current and past IIiX/HCIR/SIGIR events. ACM requires that the conference chair(s) and the treasurer be members of the ACM. CHIIR further expects that those individuals will also be members of SIGIR. Successful bidders will be expected to apply for “in-cooperation” status from ACM SIGCHI for the CHIIR that they will organize. Support from SIGCHI will help to promote CHIIR in the HCI community and is important for the success of the event.

The Proposal

The proposal is a description of how you will address the technical and logistical issues involved in running a high quality conference in the location that you propose. A few pages should suffice, but you may use more space if necessary. The CHIIR steering committee may wish to discuss aspects of the bid with the proposers prior to making a decision on the bid outcome. As such, a principal contact for your bid should be designated and specified in your proposal.

ACM SIGIR is the sole sponsor of CHIIR. As such, proposal requirements are based on the guidelines for bidding for SIGIR (http://sigir.org/general-information/hosting-sigir) since the proposals and budgets will eventually have to be approved by the ACM. The proposal should include the following information:

- **Proposer background**: Bids should include the following about the proposed general chairs.
  - Brief (one-paragraph) biographies.
  - Your connection to the information interaction and retrieval research community in general, and CHIIR (historically IIiX or HCIR) and SIGIR in particular. CHIIR expects that the conference chair or chairs will have extensive experience (e.g., served in senior roles in SIGIR or related information interaction and retrieval conferences), and have a positive reputation in the field.
  - Your experience in organizing and running technical conferences.

- **Other organizers**: If you have started to think about assembling a team of organizers, also provide that information. Please do not recruit Program Chairs at this stage, since they must be approved by the CHIIR steering committee. Approval will not happen until after a formal bid is accepted.

- **Proposed dates**: CHIIR will be held at the beginning of March 2016. Potential conflicts with other conferences that are held at around the same time of the year should be considered (e.g., ECIR, iConference, WSDM). The conference is expected to be 3-4 days in duration: three days for the main conference, with space in the schedule (including an extra day if needed) for tutorials and workshops if appropriate. The paper submission deadline should be early September 2015.

- **Suggested conference venue**: The venue should be easily accessible for attendees from across the world. The main conference will be single track. We expect a conference registration of approximately 120 delegates. You will need access to an auditorium that can hold at least this number of people for the opening and closing sessions, and for the main conference. Rooms for tutorials and workshops should be available. In addition, there should be appropriate provisions for a poster session. Nearby venues for lunch and breaks should be specified. Details regarding the proposed conference social
program (specifically the welcome reception and the conference banquet) are also expected in the proposal. Suggesting alternative conference venues is acceptable.

- **Travel:** Information about hotel, transportation and living costs, including information about how you might accommodate students at a reasonable cost should be included. If the location has hosted other technical conferences of roughly the same size please include details in the proposal. To help compare alternative proposals, please provide a summary of the estimated costs for the following individuals to attend the conference: (1) an ACM member who will attend the conference and a workshop, and who prefers to stay in the conference hotel or comparable accommodations, traveling from Boston, London, or Beijing; and (2) a student who will attend a tutorial, the conference, and a workshop, preferring quite cheap accommodations, traveling from the same three locations.

- **Budget:** A draft budget should be provided. If your bid is successful, you will complete the ACM TMRF (Technical Meeting Request Form). This asks for a detailed budget. Before preparing the budget draft, please review this page: [http://www.acm.org/sigs/volunteer_resources/conference_manual/3-1cfm](http://www.acm.org/sigs/volunteer_resources/conference_manual/3-1cfm). Proposers should also note that in contrast to IIiX and HCIR, any surplus will be returned to ACM SIGIR.

- **Financial responsibility:** ACM SIGIR underwrites the event. As such, the host institution does not need to serve as guarantor for the conference. Financially, the goal is that the cost-income breaks even.

- **Organizational responsibility:** Note that host institutions must assume logistic and administrative responsibility for the conference. Proposers should include a letter of consent/responsibility from the hosting institution affirming that they provide this level of backing. The letter should also provide information about any administrative costs that it will take or whether the institution refrains from receiving administrative costs (overhead). Other details about the host institution’s support for the bid and its commitment to it, e.g., that they will provide technology facilities or complementary space, should also be outlined in the letter from the institution.

- **Sponsors:** Committed sponsors should be specified in the proposal, if applicable. Note that host universities may sponsor bids. Ideas for potential sponsors (albeit uncommitted) are also welcomed.

- **Local support:** The ability of the local community to provide organizational support for your involvement in running the conference (e.g., support from department chairs, deans, or company management). Organizing a conference takes a significant amount of time and energy, and it is important to have a strong local group of technical and administrative people with whom to work.

- **Host of CHIIR in 2017:** Indicate your willingness to host CHIIR in 2017. The same documentation is required as specified above. If you would like to be considered for either 2016 or 2017, please indicate your preference ordering.

- Any additional information that you think is relevant to your bid.

**Important Dates**

**Expressions of interest (optional):** Monday, September 15, 2014  
**Bid submissions:** Friday, October 31, 2014  
**Notifications:** Monday, December 1, 2014

Note: All deadlines are 11:59:59PM Pacific Time on the day specified above.

**Submitting Bids**

Formal bids should be emailed to Ryen White (ryenw@microsoft.com) by **Friday, October 31, 2014**. Those interested in hosting are also encouraged to submit an optional expression of interest via email to Ryen.
White by Monday, September 15, 2014. This will provide the steering committee with a good sense for the bids to expect in advance of the submission deadline.

Questions?
We will be happy to answer any questions that proposers may have. Please direct any questions to the CHIIR Steering Committee Chair, Ryen White (ryenw@microsoft.com).