

## The ISWC 2014 Doctoral School

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the ISWC 2014 Doctoral School, part of the International Symposium on Wearable Computers, now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year, and held in conjunction with the ACM International Joint Conference on Pervasive and Ubiquitous Computing. The Doctoral School is an excellent opportunity for student participants to present their degree research and to engage in open discussion with their peers and with experts in their fields who will be serving as panelists. The goals of the Doctoral School include providing feedback to the students on their work, and to provide insight that can help to strengthen and shape their work as they progress towards their degrees. This year's Doctoral School also includes shared events with the co-located UbiComp 2014 Doctoral School.

This year is especially noteworthy with respect to the topics that will be discussed. With increasing commercial introductions of public-facing wearable products such as glasses-based displays and fitness products, and the increased uptake of sensor-equipped mobile technologies, the general public has never been more aware and exposed to wearable computing. This is reflected in the student proposals that were received this year, and bring to the Doctoral School the opportunity to discuss increasingly important aspects of wearable computing such as humanistic, legal, and privacy issues from viewpoints that are not limited to technology alone. We look forward to lively and thought provoking presentations and discussion that will be beneficial to the current as well as the next generation of researchers in the field of wearable computing.

The Doctoral School co-chairs would like to thank the many people whose efforts have contributed to providing this event for the ISWC doctoral students, including the conference organizers and committees for both ISWC and UbiComp, as well as the student volunteers. We would especially like to thank the panelists who have generously given their time and advice to help foster the research and careers of the doctoral students. We would also like to thank the National Science Foundation and ACM for their support.

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