

Call for Doctoral Consortium Papers

ACM & IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL) 2026

Oct 13-16, 2026 | Dallas, Texas

The **ACM/IEEE-CS Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL)** is a premier international forum focused on research and practice in digital libraries, bridging technical, practical, and social dimensions.

The **JCDL 2026 Doctoral Consortium (DC)** offers a unique opportunity for doctoral students to present their research, receive personalized feedback from senior scholars, and connect with peers in the digital libraries community.

Important Dates:

Doctoral Consortium:

Aug 20 - Paper Submission
Aug 31 - Notification to Authors
Sept 10 - Camera Ready
Oct 13 - Symposium Date

Key Topics of Interest:

Advanced Analytics in Digital Libraries

Human-Centered Design & Collaborative Knowledge Ecosystems

Infrastructure, Ethics & Societal Impact

Advanced Search, Retrieval & Personalization

Awards:

- 🏆 Outstanding contributions will be considered for the Best DC Paper Award, announced during the closing session of the conference.
- 🏆 NSF will fund 5 U.S. based students to attend the DC in-person with up to \$3000 for each student.
- 💬 Please contact DC Chairs for more information.

Submission Guidelines:

Submission Site: [JCDL 2026 EasyChair Submission Portal](https://2026.jcdl.org/easychair)

Submissions should include the following:

1. Doctoral Consortium Paper (2–4 pages, excluding references)

- Title, author name, affiliation, abstract (max 200 words); Research motivation and questions; Background; Research approach and methodology; Preliminary results (if available); Challenges

This track uses a single-blind review process. Author names and affiliations should be included. The DC paper should be single-authored. All submissions must be written in English, submitted in PDF format, and prepared in the current ACM two-column conference format.

2. Personal Statement (max. 500 words)

Your PhD stage, research goals, and what you hope to gain from the DC.

3. Advisor Letter (max. 1 page)

- Confirmation of your PhD status and expected timeline to graduation
- Statement of how you would benefit from and contribute to the DC

4. Optional CV (1 page)

For mentorship matching purposes (research interests, publications).

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Eligibility and Target Participants:

You are encouraged to apply if you are:

- A currently enrolled PhD student in digital libraries or a related field
 - At or beyond the dissertation proposal stage, but not within 12 months of graduation
 - Have defined your research problem, reviewed the relevant literature, and identified your methodology
 - Seeking structured feedback and mentoring from the community
- 💬 If you're unsure about eligibility, please contact the DC chairs.