To apply for participation

To apply for participation in the Doctoral Consortium, please provide an extended abstract of your doctoral work. The extended abstract is restricted to 6-8 pages. Submissions should use the ACM Proceedings template and are to be submitted in electronic format via the conference's EasyChair submission page. Past JCDL Doctoral Consortium submissions are available in special issues of the TCDL Bulletin, the publication of the Bulletin of IEEE Technical Committee on Digital Libraries

All submissions should be made electronically in PDF format. The proposal must have the following four components, submitted as a single PDF file.

1. **Extended Abstract.** A 6-8 pages (including references) research description covering central aspects of your PhD work. Key points include:
    a. Identify one or more significant problems in the field of research,
    b. Clearly formulate the research question(s),
    c. Summarize the current knowledge of the problem domain, as well as the state of the art for solutions,
    d. Describe the research methodology that is to be applied,
    e. Clearly present any preliminary research results achieved so far if applicable,
    f. Describe the expected contributions of the applicant to the research area, and
    g. (For technical research) Describe how the research is innovative, novel or extends existing approaches to a problem.

You, with the help of your advisor, will also need to complete three appendices:

2. **Appendix 1:** Statement of Expected Benefits
    Attach a 1 page appendix that includes a short (one-paragraph) statement of expected benefits of participation for both yourself and the other consortium participants. Be clear about what you will contribute as well as gain.

3. **Appendix 2:** Supervisor's Letter of Support
    Attach a 1 page appendix that contains a signed letter from your supervisor that supports your attendance at the Consortium. To ensure that this letter is helpful in the selection process, please pass on these requests to your supervisor:

    To supervisors of Doctoral Consortium applicants: Your letter should not summarize in detail your student's Ph.D. project or past achievements – that is the job of the abstract and CV. Instead please provide the following information:
    - How long you have supervised the student and in what capacity
    - The status of this student with respect to your institution's Ph.D. requirements
    - When you expect the student to complete his/her dissertation
    - Why attendance at this year's Doctoral Consortium would be particularly beneficial to the student
    - What contributions the student is likely to make to the JCDL 2018 Doctoral Consortium event if invited to attend

4. **Appendix 3:** Your CV
    A concise version of your current Curriculum Vitae. The maximum length is 2 pages; please edit longer CVs to fit within the 2 page limit.