CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2027 ACM Special Interest Group on Design of Communication (SIGDOC '27) Conference

November 4–5, 2027 | Norfolk, Virginia, USA | In person

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KEY DATES

January 15: *Proposals due*
February 8: *Authors notified of program acceptance*
April 2: *Draft proceedings manuscripts submitted for review*
July 2: *Final proceedings manuscripts submitted*

The ACM Special Interest Group on Design of Communication (ACM SIGDOC) invites proposals for its 2027 in-person conference in Norfolk, Virginia from November 4-5, 2027.

SIGDOC's mission is to advance the state of knowledge, encourage the research, and support the interdisciplinary practice of the design of communication. Our annual conference provides a forum for scholars and practitioners alike to come together and share research findings and best practices in all fields related to the design communication, including but not limited to technical communication and user experience. For our 2027 conference, we invite proposals that further this mission as we work together to build knowledge and address the myriad concerns facing researchers and practitioners in our communities and workplaces. Proposals can address a broad range of topics related to the practice or teaching of communication design, technical communication, and/or user experience, including, but not limited to:

- Emerging modes, theories, and research methods of communication design
- Community-centered research and design practices
- User experience design and experience architecture
- Learning/content management systems and collaborative platforms
- Open source design solutions
- Design methods and principles
- Project management and content strategy
- Information literacy, design, and architecture
- International and intercultural communication design
- Accessibility and justice-centered approaches to technical communication
- AI, LLMs, and AI-assisted writing, design practices, and ethical uses

We also welcome submissions that are rooted in neighboring disciplines, such as software development, healthcare, social work, crisis communication, digital humanities, rhetoric of science and technology, and beyond.

This year's conference will be co-located with the annual Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication (CPTSC) Conference, which supports faculty, administrators, and researchers by advancing the study and teaching of technical, professional, and scientific communication across the globe. Submissions can be marked as a **regular** SIGDOC proposal or as a **joint** SIGDOC/CPTSC proposal for work that explores the intersections of communication design and curricular or programmatic design. The SIGDOC/CPTSC 2027 event will work to provide joint programming between both its member groups. We're particularly interested in joint submissions for workshops and panels.

Types of Proposals

- Individual research papers or experience reports (500 words)
- Poster proposals (500 words)
- Panel proposals (700 words; should include short abstracts for all presenters)
- Workshop proposals (800 words)

Please direct any questions to the program chairs at *sigdocconference@gmail.com*. The Student Research Competition (SRC) uses a separate submission process. Please see the SIGDOC website if you're interested in the SRC: *sigdoc.acm.org/awards-grants/student-research-competition/*

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