SUBMITTING YOUR ALTERNATIVE FORMAT PROPOSAL

Description

As the name suggests, the alternative format category is intended primarily for proposals that do not fall under or are not suited for the other presentation formats. Examples of alternative format presentations include (but are not limited to) debates, on-site experiments, simulations, and other innovative approaches to present topics that would be of interest to HF/E professionals. The "Your 99 Seconds of Fame" session, in which speakers were given 99 seconds to summarize their work, is an excellent example of an alternative format presentation that is both creative and informative.

Presentation Length

One 90-minute session.

Materials to Submit

The Alternative Format proposal consists of a 150-word abstract and 2000-word summary of objectives, subject matter, presentation format, and expected benefits to attendees, formatted according to the instructions below. Your proposal must not exceed five formatted pages.

The proposal should explain the nature of the alternative format, and how it will be managed, so that it can be adequately reviewed.

To ensure optimum readability, the type size for your abstract and main text must be at least 10 points and at least 8 point for references. **Do not include author names or affiliations in the formatted document.** Your proposal will undergo double-blind review.

View the descriptions of topic coverage of the Society's 25 <u>Technical Groups</u>. Then select **only one** of the following Technical Areas for your paper from the pull-down menu. This automatically directs your proposal to the program chair for that area.

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- 10. General Sessions
- 11. Health Care
- 12. Human Performance Modeling
- 13. Individual Differences in Performance
- 14. Industrial Ergonomics
- 15. Internet
- 16. Macroergonomics

- 17. Perception & Performance
- 18. Product Design
- 19. Safety
- 20. Student Forum (for student submitters only)
- 21. Surface Transportation
- 22. System Development
- 23. Usability and System Evaluation
- 24. Training
- 25. Virtual Environments

If the program chair who receives your proposal feels it would fit better in another technical area, he or she may redirect it to that group. You will receive an automated message via e-mail should that occur.

Indicate a secondary technical area by selecting one item from the pull-down menu. This will help the Technical Group program chairs avoid topic overlaps. NOTE: Your proposal will be sent to the program chair of the technical group you selected in the primary technical area, not the secondary area.

Select "Research Oriented," "Practice Oriented," or "Theoretically Oriented."

Select either "Student Work" or "Nonstudent Work." This assists program chairs and reviewers during the proposal evaluation stage.

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