**CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS**

iLRN 2020: 6th International Conference of the Immersive Learning Research Network  
San Luis Obispo, California, USA  
June 21–25, 2020

***“Vision 20/20: Hindsight, Insight, and Foresight in XR and Immersive Learning”***

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The **6th International Conference of the Immersive Learning Research Network (iLRN 2020)** will be an innovative and interactive gathering for a burgeoning global network of researchers and practitioners collaborating to develop the scientific, technical, and applied potential of immersive learning. It is the premier scholarly event focusing on advances in the use of virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), mixed reality (MR), and other extended reality (XR) technologies to support learners across the full span of learning—from K-12 through higher education to work-based, informal, and lifelong learning contexts. Scholars and professionals operating in formal education settings as well as those representing diverse industry sectors are invited to participate in the conference, where they will be able to share their research findings, experiences, and insights; network and establish partnerships to envision and shape the future of XR and immersive technologies for learning; and contribute to the emerging scholarly knowledge base on how these technologies can be used to create experiences that educate, engage, and excite learners.

**ABOUT THE CONFERENCE THEME**

"The future is already here. It’s just not widely distributed yet." ~ William Gibson, author.

Following several decades of confinement to a niche market, XR and immersive technologies have finally broken out into the mainstream, and they are beginning to see rapid adoption and deployment across sectors around the globe. In multiple industries and common human forums—commerce, manufacturing, education and training, healthcare, entertainment, communications, and creative enterprises—the world and its capabilities are changing because of the new types of experience enabled by these technologies and the connections they are able to foster. The theme of iLRN’s 2020 conference emphasizes the need for clear vision in looking at scholarship and practice in the use of XR and immersive technologies for supporting learners and learning, through three main focal lenses:

* **Hindsight**: Remembering and respecting the history of our field; taking stock of what we have learned and already know; making sure our guiding principles and “accepted wisdom” are grounded in robust scientific evidence
* **Insight**: Making sense of and navigating our current realities; keeping abreast of trends and developments amid rapidly changing societal, economic, educational, and technological landscapes; seizing opportunities to better serve learners in the here-and-now
* **Foresight**: Examining possible and probable futures while imagining and shaping those preferred ones; charting the path forward for research, practice, and policy in XR and immersive learning for the betterment of humankind.

Join us at California State Polytechnic University in the historic and picturesque coastal city of San Luis Obispo, numerous times dubbed the “happiest place in America,” where together we will reflect on and embrace the past, seek to understand the present state-of-the art, and approach the future with optimism and agency as we strive toward maximizing the potential of XR and immersive learning.

**CONTRIBUTION TYPES AND SESSION FORMATS**

**Academic Stream***(Refereed paper published in proceedings)*

* Full paper (6-8 pages) for oral presentation
* Short paper (4-6 pages) for oral presentation
* Short paper (4-6 pages) for poster presentation
* Work-in-progress paper (2-4 pages) for poster presentation
* Work-in-progress paper (2-4 pages) for doctoral colloquium

**Practitioner Stream**

*(No paper – Refereed on the basis of abstract)*

* Oral presentation
* Poster presentation
* Demo showcase

**Nontraditional Session Formats**

*(Extended abstract published in proceedings)*

* Pre-conference workshop
* Special session
* Panel session

**PROGRAM TRACKS**

In addition to the main conference track, a small number of Special Tracks will be offered that focus on specific topic areas of interest within the field of XR and immersive learning. Those interested in proposing/chairing their own tracks should see the separate Call for Special Track proposals on the iLRN website. The deadline for Special Track proposals is **2019-09-30**.

**PAPER/PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AND REVIEW**

Papers for the Academic Stream and proposals/extended abstracts for the Nontraditional Session Stream must be prepared in standard IEEE double-column format, and will be accepted only by electronic submission through the conference website, from which guidelines and templates are available. A blind peer-review process will be used to evaluate all submissions.

**REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTED PAPERS/PROPOSALS**

At least one author of each paper accepted for the Academic Stream must register for the conference to present the paper. Each Academic Presenter registration for the conference covers one paper only; additional papers may be added to the registration for a supplemental fee. No single author may be the registered presenter on more than two Full or Short papers *for oral presentation*, even with the payment of the supplemental fees. There is no limit, however, on the number of additional Short and Work-in-progress papers *for poster presentation* on which an author may be the registered presenter (with payment of the supplemental fees).

For the Practitioner Stream and for the Nontraditional Sessions, all presenters must register for the conference, but they may do so at the Practitioner rate, provided they will not also be presenting any Academic Stream papers. No per-registration or per-author limits or supplemental fees apply for the Practitioner Stream and Nontraditional Sessions.

**PUBLICATION, ABSTRACTING, AND INDEXING**

All accepted and registered papers in the Academic Stream that are presented at iLRN 2020 and all extended abstracts describing the nontraditional sessions presented at the conference will be published in the conference proceedings and submitted to the IEEE Xplore® digital library. Content loaded into Xplore is made available by IEEE to its abstracting and indexing partners, including Elsevier (Scopus, Ei Compendex), Clarivate Analytics (CPCI—part of Web of Science) and others, for potential inclusion in their respective databases. In addition, authors of selected papers may be invited to submit expanded versions of their papers for consideration by a number of Scopus and Web of Science-indexed journals.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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| Paper and proposal submission deadline (Main round – all submission types welcome) | 2020-01-06 |
| Notification of review outcomes from main submission round | 2020-03-23 |
| Camera-ready papers for proceedings due – Full and Short papers | 2020-04-06 |
| Presenter registration deadline – Full and Short papers | 2020-04-06 |
| Paper and proposal submission deadline (Late round – Only work-in-progress papers, practitioner abstracts, and nontraditional session proposals will be considered\*) | 2020-03-30 |
| Notification of review outcomes from late submission round | 2020-04-27 |
| Camera-ready Work-in-Progress papers and extended abstracts for Nontraditional sessions for proceedings due; Final versions of practitioner abstracts for conference program due | 2020-05-11 |
| Presenter registration deadline – Work-in-progress papers, practitioner sessions, and nontraditional sessions | 2020-05-11 |
| Conference opening | 2020-06-21 |

\*Although work-in-progress papers, practitioner abstracts, and nontraditional session proposals may be submitted in both the Main round and the Late round, those submitted in the Main round will have the advantage of potentially being able to be revised for resubmission in the Late round, should they initially be rejected.

**CONTACT**

Inquiries regarding the iLRN 2020 conference should be directed to the Conference Secretariat at [conference@immersivelrn.org](mailto:conference@immersivelrn.org). General inquiries about iLRN may be sent to [info@immersivelrn.org](mailto:info@immersivelrn.org).

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