The 39th Computers and Learning Research Group Annual Conference
Call for Papers
** Submission deadline Friday May 11th, 2018 **

We invite submissions for the 39th Annual Conference of the Computers and Learning Research Group (CALRG), to be held on **18th-19th June 2018** in the Open University's Jennie Lee Building, Milton Keynes, UK. CALRG is one of the UK's leading research groups in the use of technologies in education. CALRG's annual conference provides a forum for members, as well as other researchers and practitioners in the field, to present their work. We particularly encourage research students to contribute submissions and attend to discuss their project.

The conference will consist of two days of presentations and interactive sessions across a broad range of relevant topics, including:

- Computer-supported collaborative learning (CSCL)
- Accessible online learning
- Mobile learning
- Effective designing for learning and learner experiences
- Citizen science and public engagement

- Learning analytics
- Openness in education
- Game-based learning
- Professional learning
- Widening access and participation in education with technology

Submission Types

Contributions are invited in the following forms:
(1) Full presentations
(2) Lightning presentations
(3) Posters

We especially welcome 'crossover' presentations that explore the links between different research projects. We would encourage doctoral students in particular to collaborate and produce a shared presentation that explores how concepts, methods, or findings connect together.

Full presentations are designed for work that is mature or in the final stages of analysis, and will be allotted approx. 25-30 minutes, including 10 minutes for questions and discussion. Presenters are asked to **submit an abstract of 300-350 words.**

Lightning presentations are designed for works in progress, projects in their initial stages, and/or early doctoral research with limited results. Presenters in this category will be asked to submit one slide and will have only 3-5 minutes for their presentation. We ask that you **submit an abstract of approximately 150 words** for a lightning submission. Presenters of lightning talks will also have the option of extending their impact by presenting a poster at the conference.

Poster sessions will enable work in progress to be presented visually. Poster presenters are asked to **submit an abstract of approximately 150 words** and to be available to discuss their poster during at least one of the days of the conference. Those who are submitting a lightning presentation abstract will not need to submit a second abstract to participate in the poster session.

Submission Guidance

Doctoral students
Presentations and posters from PhD and EdD candidates are a strong component of the CALRG annual conference. It is recommended that those in the initial stages of their doctoral research contribute a lightening presentation covering their doctoral topic, research questions and expected approach. Those who can share the results of studies or more extensive work are encouraged to submit an abstract for a full presentation. As described above, we would encourage collaborative crossover presentations as well. If your abstract submission is considered to be more or less substantial than the length of the presentation slot, we may be able to offer you an alternative form of presentation.

Institute of Educational Technology (IET) and Learning and Teaching Innovation (LTI) research
It is anticipated that all academic research projects based in IET/LTI will contribute a submission to the CALRG conference, in order that the conference provides a complete overview of our current work. Submissions from projects across the LTI portfolio, from the wider university, and beyond are also very welcome.

Submitting an abstract
The deadline for abstract submission is **midnight Friday, May 11th 2018**. Abstracts for all submission types should be submitted online in Word format (.doc, .docx) on the EasyChair website, or see https://tinyurl.com/CALRG2018 No submissions will be accepted by email. Accepted abstracts for all types of submission will be included in the online conference programme.

Contacts and further information
If you have any inquiries about the conference please contact us at: calrg@open.ac.uk

The Twitter hashtag for the conference is **#CALRG2018**

As well as the conference CALRG runs weekly events that are open to all. More information on these and on previous conferences can be found at: http://www.open.ac.uk/blogs/CALRG/

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