The Sixteenth EATEL Summer School on Technology Enhanced Learning 2020

May 23-30, 2020 | Sani, Halkidiki, Greece
https://ea-tel.eu/jtelss/jtelss2020/

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

We are pleased to announce the 16th EATEL Summer School on Technology Enhanced Learning (JTELSS) that will take place from May 23-30, 2020 at Sani, Halkidiki, Greece. The summer school is organised by the European Association of Technology Enhanced Learning - EATEL (http://ea-tel.eu/).

The EATEL summer school provides a stimulating learning environment where participants get opportunities to develop research skills, increase their knowledge base, collaborate with others in their own and complementary research areas, engage in debate, have access to experts in the field, and discuss their own work.

The programme covers topics from a broad range of domains which contribute to advancing the field of Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL). TEL research projects are encouraged to provide doctoral candidates with a perspective of state-of-the-art research under study in their working groups and use the summer school for active dissemination of recent research results. The programme also includes practical and methodological workshops as well as opportunities for PhD students to develop their research and discuss their doctoral work. Furthermore, it will help doctoral students to build bridges for future collaborations with experts in the field and peers across Europe. The summer school is open to PhD students and instructors from all countries.

PhD students applying to participate in the summer school are also invited to propose workshops (see Call for Workshops below). Separate submissions have to be made for the PhD student application and each workshop proposal.

CALL FOR WORKSHOPS

If you would like to offer workshops at the summer school, we invite you to submit a workshop proposal (template: http://bit.ly/JTELSS20workshop) describing your contribution, which should demonstrate how your presentation/activity will benefit the PhD students attending the summer school (mainly early to mid-stage). EATEL summer school offers three types of workshops: thematic (covering one or multiple TEL research topics), methodological (focusing on research methods in TEL) and informal (socializing, gaming, sports and more). If your workshop proposal is selected, it will be published on the summer school website.

Note that it is possible to submit multiple workshops. It is no longer possible to submit lecture sessions, as we plan to invite five keynote speakers.

Workshop instructions: We encourage interactive sessions rather than information transfer, and your proposal should include details about how you plan to engage PhD students. Workshops are usually 90 minutes or 2 x 90 minutes. Workshops should normally provide hands-on opportunities to work with new technologies or develop research techniques.

Please submit your proposals to EasyChair no later than January 31, 2020: https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=jtelss2020.

Costs: Please note that workshop organizers are expected to cover the costs of their trip and accommodation (in some cases, it is covered through their TEL research projects).

All questions about the submission can be sent to: jtelss2020@easychair.org.

CALL FOR PHD STUDENT APPLICATIONS

PhD students should submit applications online no later than February 22, 2020. Please download the template of the "PhD student application": http://bit.ly/JTELSS20phdapplication. It contains a three-page summary of your PhD work. PhD students are required to attach a letter of support from their PhD advisors approving the application.

Fill in the template, and upload it together with the letter from your PhD advisor to the summer school submission system at EasyChair: https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=jtelss2020. In the submission system, please, select the correct topic: "PhD student application".

All questions about the submission can be sent to: jtelss2020@easychair.org.

LIST OF TOPICS

Thematic Workshops on the latest trends and key concepts of TEL

- Online and Blended Learning Environments
- Open and Distance Education
- Serious Games and Gamification
- Learning Analytics
- Orchestration of Technology-Enhanced Learning
- Technology-Enhanced Assessment
- Adaptive and Personalised Learning
- Intelligent Tutoring Systems
- Mobile and Ubiquitous Technologies for Learning
- Computer-Supported Collaborative Learning
- Technology-Enhanced Assessment
- Formal and Informal Learning
- Technology Enhanced Language Learning
- Motivational and Affective Learning
- Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality in Education and Training
- Sensors, Robots and Makerspaces in education
- Artificial Intelligence Applications in Education
- Technologies for Accessible and Inclusive Learning

Methodology workshops

- Research Methods in Technology-Enhanced Learning and Research Design
- Academic Writing and Publishing
- Presentation of Research Results
- Research Ethics
- European Funding for Research
- Boosting Research Careers Using Social Media
- Pitching of Research Ideas
- PhD Life and Supervisor Management

Informal learning sessions

- Pecha Kucha – introduce yourself in 2 minutes with 2 slides
- Fish Bowl – highly engaging and intensive discussion
- Speed Mentoring – short one-to-one mentoring with several senior researchers
- Educational Board Games – learning research design in a highly informal setting
- Technology-Enhanced Learning community-development discussions

IMPORTANT DATES

There are two deadlines (one for workshops and one for PhD student applications) and consequently two notification dates. We encourage you to apply early so that you can benefit from early acceptance and arrange your travel plans.

Call for Workshops

- January 31, 2020 - Submission deadline for workshop proposals
- February 15, 2020 - Notification of acceptance for workshop proposals

Call for PhD student applications

- February 22, 2020 - Submission deadline for PhD student applications
- March 7, 2020 - Notification of acceptance for PhD students

Registration

- March 7, 2020 - Registration opens
- April 7, 2020 - Early-bird registration deadline
- April 30, 2020 - Registration deadline

Summer School

- May 23, 2020 - Arrival to Sani
- May 24, 2020 - Pre-summer school full-day social event
- May 25-29, 2020 - Summer school dates
- May 30, 2020 - Departure from Sani

VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

The hosting city of the Summer School 2020 is Sani, a famous area of Halkidiki, located 83 km from Thessaloniki, the second largest city of Greece. Halkidiki is the region in the north of Greece, projected to the southwest in the Aegean Sea, and extended to three peninsulas: Cassandra, Sithonia and Athos. Halkidiki is one of the most well-known summer destinations of Greece blending the Aegean turquoise beaches with the pine trees nearby the sea. The special beauty of the region resulted in the characteristic phrase "*Like Halkidiki, nowhere!*" when someone wants to describe Halkidiki.

The Summer School will take place in the Simantro Beach Hotel (https://www.simantrobeach.gr/en/), a 5-star resort located in Sani, Halkidiki. The plenary sessions of the school will be hosted by the main conference hall of the hotel. The Hotel is built on the coastline and features several restaurants and bars, outdoor swimming pools, a tennis court, a panoramic terrace, a garden, and a banquet hall. There is a stony beach equipped with umbrellas and beds.

Halkidiki can be easily accessed by car and public transport. The International Macedonia Airport of Thessaloniki is one of the busiest airports in Greece and it is well connected by all types of airlines and airline networks. The airport is interlinked with a road network that is among the best in Northern Greece. Travel time from the airport the hotel is approximately 1 hour. Several transfer options from and to the airport are available for a reasonable price.

All questions about the venue and accommodation can be sent to: jtelss2020@easychair.org.

COST OF SUMMER SCHOOL

The EATEL summer school follows a non-profit scheme. The organizing committee members work as volunteers to make the event possible. The educational programme is provided free of charge. The cost of the school covers accommodation, meals, excursions and printed materials.

PhD-student package

We encourage PhD students to attend the entire event. We offer a special discounted offer: "PhD-student package". It covers the following:

- Accommodation for 7 nights (check-in on May 23 and check out on May 30) in a double room (two PhD students of the same gender share a double room)
- Meals (full board: from dinner on May 23 to breakfast on May 30)
- Sunday full-day excursion
- Wednesday half-day excursion
- Wednesday Gala dinner
- Printed materials

The price of the "PhD-student package" when registering before the Early-bird deadline is €680.

The price of the "PhD-student package" when registering after the Early-bird deadline is €720.

PhD students who prefer a single room need to book the instructor package.

Instructor package

For the instructors who wish to attend the entire event, we offer a special discounted offer: "Instructor package". It covers the following:

- Accommodation for 7 nights (check in on May 23 and check out on May 30) in a double room (one person in a room)
- Meals (full board: from dinner on May 23 to breakfast on May 30)
- Sunday full-day excursion
- Wednesday half-day excursion
- Wednesday Gala dinner
- Printed materials

The price of the "Instructor package" when registering before the Early-bird deadline is €895.

The price of the "Instructor package" when registering after the Early-bird deadline is €945.

Instructors can choose to attend only a part of the event. The corresponding options will be available in the registration system.

Funding sources

PhD students can use different funding schemes to cover the cost of the summer school. As scholarships are only available for applicants from low-income countries (see next section), we advise you to look for local or university funding. The EATEL summer school will provide great value to the progress of your research and studies. The contents of the school can extend or replace some of your courses.

Another option to cover the cost is to apply for an Erasmus+ teacher mobility funding (https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/opportunities/staff-teaching_en). For this option, please, contact your international relations office. Remember, that this year the school is hosted in collaboration with:

- Smart & Mobile Learning Environments Lab - SMILE LAB (http://smile.uom.gr/), University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki
- Department of Computer Science, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki
- Department of Educational Policies, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki
- Department of Computer Science, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki

Instructors who plan to deliver workshops often use funding from research projects to cover the cost. The EATEL summer school is a primary event in Europe for dissemination and networking in the Technology-Enhanced Learning community.

Scholarships

EATEL will provide a limited number of scholarships. The scholarship will include a "PhD-student package" and will cover accommodation, meals, excursions and printed materials. The scholarships will not include a travel grant, and the participants are expected to cover the travel themselves.

A limited number of scholarships will be distributed, and EATEL does not guarantee that every eligible applicant will receive a scholarship. The scholarships will be distributed to PhD-student applicants from low, lower-middle and upper-middle income countries (from all regions of the World). As an example, the European countries from these two groups include Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine. The full list of countries can be found at the website of the World Bank[1] under the titles: low-income, lower-middle and upper-middle income economies.

Local participants

For local PhD students from the nearby regions, we offer a special rate of €425, which includes four-nights accommodation in a double room, full board, printed materials, excursion on Wednesday and Gala dinner. For these guests, arrival is expected on Monday morning May 25 and departure on Friday, May 29.

Social programme

The social programme includes a full-day excursion on Sunday May 24, a half-day excursion on Wednesday, May 27 and a gala dinner on Wednesday evening.

The summer school programme includes a wide variety of informal learning sessions and optional social activities every evening.

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[1] https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups