

Update from the Design Review Committee

Exciting changes are coming for this year's creative design submissions! The Design Review Committee had a very productive meeting at the annual conference in Las Vegas and have made changes to this year's design call to reflect the discussion. First, designers will be required to submit a design abstract (150 words) along with their initial submission. The abstract will be used in the design catalog for accepted designs. Additionally, both the regular proceedings file and an anonymous review file will be required at the time of submission. These two changes will help us to mount the design gallery quicker and prepare the design catalog in a timely fashion. Please remember that the abstracts must be anonymous. Any identifying information will cause a design to be automatically disqualified.

Next, we would like to make everyone aware that it is now acceptable to submit an anonymous video link within a design abstract. Video links are not a requirement but may be helpful for certain garments. The videos can be used to highlight features that are not easily shown in the static photos of the design abstract. Examples may include designs with transformative features and/or footage of a design in motion. Links must be from a newly created YouTube channel with no University or author affiliation in the name, description, or profile of the channel. The designer cannot appear in the video. If you are unsure of the anonymity of a video link, please feel free to contact the chairs of the design review committee.

Finally, the Design Review Committee is working closely with both the Mounted Gallery and Design Education and Scholarship committees to align our efforts to promote design scholarship. We are hoping that increased communication will allow us to create new and exciting opportunities to display and recognize new avenues for presenting all types of design scholarship. We are looking forward to seeing all of the wonderful design work this year! We will be sending out a survey to seek reviewers for the design abstracts in a month and we hope you will consider serving in this capacity. Please let us know if you have any questions about the review process.

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