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Innovative Policies for Fostering Academic Careers in Switzerland

Policy Highlights

HSG Paper Development Workshop

Motivation

In 2024 the University of St.Gallen (HSG) launched funding for a “Paper Development Workshop”. The grant, which is designed to promote young researchers, enables HSG faculty to jointly develop publications or conference papers together with their PhD students and at the same time to promote (inter-)disciplinary exchange and networking between PhD students, postdocs, and faculty.

Action

Already running for the last 2 years now is the CHI writing retreat. The HSG School of Computer Science has since hosted the CHI writing retreat which brings researchers together for two and a half weeks directly prior to the CHI deadline. While many of these researchers are experienced CHI authors, some are engaging in this process for the first time. During the inaugural writing retreat held in 2022, attendees submitted a total of a dozen papers.

The idea behind the retreat was to help participants collaborate efficiently and manage the stressful phase before the deadline in the company of like-minded people; and then to celebrate their submissions. Hoping to reiterate and build on this success, this year the computer science department at St. Gallen invited 21 researchers to come together, physically, and collaboratively, in the run-up to the deadline for CHI 2024.

Further details and experiences can be found in the blogpost “[Doing CHI together: the benefits of a writing retreat for early-career HCI researchers](#)”.

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