



## CALL FOR TRACK PROPOSALS – SAC 2021

The 36<sup>th</sup> ACM Symposium on Applied Computing  
March 22 - March 26, 2021, Gwangju, Korea  
<https://www.sigapp.org/sac/sac2021>

For the past thirty-five years the ACM Symposium on Applied Computing (SAC) has been a primary and international forum for applied computer scientists, computer engineers and application developers to gather, interact and present their work. The ACM Special Interest Group on Applied Computing (SIGAPP) is the sole sponsor of SAC. The conference proceedings are published by ACM and available online through ACM's Digital Library.

SAC is based on a flexible structure of mostly self-contained and self-managed tracks. Over the past years SAC hosted tracks on a variety of timely topics such as Artificial Intelligence, Bioinformatics, Computer Security, Data Mining, Big Data, IoT, Fog/Edge Computing, Blockchain, Evolutionary Computing, Health Information, Machine Learning, Mobile Computing, Programming Languages, Software Engineering, Web Technologies, and so on. SAC 2020 included 42 tracks that attracted 915 paper submissions from 55 countries; 224 submissions were finally accepted as full papers (<25% acceptance rate). More information on past SAC events can be found at <http://www.sigapp.org/sac>.

The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual SAC meeting will be held in March 22 to March 26, 2021 in Gwangju, Korea, and is hosted by the Gwangju Convention & Visitors Bureau. The conference Organizing Committee solicits proposals for organizing and hosting tracks. Prospective track chairs should submit an up to two-page description for organizing a track, which should include at least the following items:

- 1) The proposed title for the track with a description of its aims, topics it will cover, and rationale for having such a track in SAC. This rationale should refer to any related conference events that are held regularly and why the proposed track differs from them or complements them. The proposed track should not be overly general but also not overly specialized, thus being able to attract a wide audience of people sharing similar interests. Proposals from industry are also encouraged. Despite its name, SAC also welcomes topics of mostly theoretical nature, provided there is clear practical potential in applying the results of such work.
- 2) A short description of the activities the track chair(s) will undertake upon acceptance of the proposal, to disseminate the call-for-papers for the track, and to manage the review process. (Current Track Chairs guideline document is posted on the SAC 2021 website).
- 3) A short CV of the prospective track chair(s) with reference to research interests and publication record directly related to the themes of the proposed track, and any previous experience of involvement in the organization of similar events (in the interest of brevity, reference to a personal web page where such information can be found will be sufficient).

All proposals will be reviewed by the Program Committee using the criteria described above. The Committee reserves the right to: (1) accept a proposal as is, (2) require modifications before acceptance, (3) recommend merging of similar proposals with a considerable overlap in the topics addressed (in this case the track chairs of the different proposals will be asked to form a single track), (4) reject a proposal. Upon acceptance of a proposal, the track chairs will be notified of their responsibilities in managing the affairs of their track; as such responsibilities are defined by both the ACM and SAC conference rules. The Committee reserves the rights to cancel a track at any time if these responsibilities are not addressed adequately by the track chair(s).

Please submit your proposal electronically to the START submission system in PDF format through the SAC 2021 website. If you encounter any problems for your submission, please e-mail your questions to:

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SAC 2021 Program Co-Chairs

### IMPORTANT DATES

<i>June 5, 2020:</i>	<i>Submission of track proposals</i>
<i>June 19, 2020:</i>	<i>Notification of acceptance/rejection</i>
<i>June 26, 2020:</i>	<i>Call-For-Papers for accepted tracks</i>
<i>Sept 15, 2020:</i>	<i>Submission of papers</i>
<i>Sept 25, 2020:</i>	<i>Submission of tutorial proposals</i>
<i>Nov 10, 2020:</i>	<i>Author notification</i>
<i>Nov 25, 2020:</i>	<i>Camera-ready copies</i>