Motivation

Multi-Disciplinary

3,250 graduate students

Collaborative

Doctoral Student Association
Objectives

Provide
- Collaborative environment to produce high quality journal publications and conference presentations
- Social media groups to connect members

Connect
- Receive editing services from peer reviewers
- Provide and receive technical expertise on challenging research questions from all doctoral departments at RIT

Organize
- Professional development and networking events
- Social activities
- Outreach opportunities
Objective 1 - Create social media groups

Create social media groups (LinkedIn & Facebook) for all RIT doctoral students.

Proposed Activities:
• Grow members professional network
• Publicize social and professional activities
• Promote discussion amongst members
• Etc.
Objective 2 - Develop a cloud based review service

Develop a cloud based review service where students can electronically request reviewers within the RIT doctoral community.

Proposed Activities:
- Presentations
- CVs
- Resumes
- Manuscripts (with written consent from advisor)
- Etc.
Objective 3 – Maintain a database of members

Maintain a database of members, highlighting their technical expertise and previous experiences.

Proposed Activities:

• Pair students with reviewers with similar technical backgrounds
• Maintain overall statistics on club performance
Objective 4 - Serve as a liaison to departments

Serve as a liaison between the doctoral student community and the doctoral departments.

Proposed Activities:
- Work with departments to host speakers including students, researchers, and industrial professionals
Objective 5 - Hold regular executive board meetings

Hold regular executive board meetings, open to all members.

Proposed Activities:

• Organize ideas
• Plan future activities
• Collect ideas from members
Objective 6 - Organize social and outreach activities

Organize social and outreach activities to strengthen collaboration amongst members.

Proposed Activities:
- Luncheons
- Outreach events
- Writing retreats
- Outings to local events
- Imagine RIT
- Etc.
Objective 7 - Serve as a platform for collaboration

Serve as a platform where doctoral students collaborate and participate in activities

Proposed Activities:
- Provide technical expertise to assist with fellow members challenging research questions
- Connect members for new research opportunities
Objective 8 – Promote professional development

Create opportunities for DSA members to focus on professional development through workshops, lectures, and networking events.

Proposed Activities:

- Collaborate with RIT Office of Career Services to organize workshops
- Organize professional development events with industry experts
- Etc.
Moving Forward

Finalizing Constitution

Revise Financial Goals Based on CRB Comments

Start Official Activity
Information Session and First Mixer
(70 members signed up so far)
Financial Goals in First Year

General Financial Plan

• Raise awareness about the club by holding events with minimum expending requirements.

• Hold professional and social events by attracting sponsors:
  (Inviting guest seminar speakers sponsored by college departments self-service social gatherings, Outreach activities)

• Raise funding by fundraiser events:
  1. Advertise on Facebook and academic departments for Roar Day donations.
  2. Fundraiser Dinners at restaurants such as: Buffalo Wild Wings and etc.
  3. Providing donation box during the events.
  4. Actively searching for external sponsors from Rochester based companies:
     Such as Gleason Works, Thermofisher and Harris.

• If a goal of raising 1000 in first year is reached, this association can request a tier increase. In addition, for 2018-2019 academic year, Research symposium and broader external guest speaker programs can be planned.
Doctoral Student Association

A place for doctoral students at RIT to connect and share

Questions?

Suggestions?

Comments?

https://www.facebook.com/groups/RITDSA/