

The ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems - Participation Report

About the conference:

The ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems is the premier international conference on Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) sponsored by companies such as Google, Microsoft, Meta, Apple, etc. CHI annually brings together researchers and practitioners from around the world and across diverse research areas. This year, CHI'26 received 6,730 complete submissions, and 25.3% of them were accepted. These research works investigated various aspects of interaction between humans and computers that span across 15 major categories: (1) Accessibility and aging, (2) Engineering interactive systems and tools, (3) Hardware, materials, and fabrication, (4) Computational interaction, (5) Critical Computing, Sustainability, and Social Justice, (6) Design, (7) Games and play, (8) Health, (8) Interaction techniques and modalities, (9) Interaction beyond the individual, (10) Learning, education and families, (11) Privacy and security, (12) Specific application areas, (13) Understanding people, (14) User experience and usability, and (15) Visualization.

This year, the conference took place in Barcelona, Spain, between 13 and 17 April 2026, and I presented [my research](#) work (in person) in the [“Safe Driving” session](#). The full technical program of the conference can be found at the [following link](#).



Recommendations:

Following my preparation and attendance at CHI'26, I have several recommendations for future researchers, which are listed below:

1. CHI is a premier international conference in the field of HCI with great exposure to researchers from all over the world and their work. HCI researchers should aspire to publish and participate in this wonderful conference.
2. The selection process is highly competitive. Therefore, the submitted work should meet the highest possible academic standards.

3. The preparation of the publication materials (after a paper's acceptance) is highly rigorous and laborious. Therefore, researchers should plan their time accordingly in case their paper is accepted.
4. I highly recommend attending the conference in person, as in-person communication with other researchers can foster professional connections, enhance learning, and improve the overall experience.
5. Participation in specialized workshops is also very recommended because (1) One can network with a small group of researchers focused on similar topics, and (2) the interaction is relatively prolonged and thus allows the creation of meaningful professional connections.
6. As the conference is very large, it is impossible to participate in all sessions. Thus, I recommend spending time planning the conference's schedule in advance.
7. Professional networking happens not only during the official conference hours but also at parties in the evenings organized by various universities. I recommend utilizing these unofficial gatherings to foster professional collaborations.

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