Call for Reviewers

The Peer Review Process

Peer Reviewers of SSH Scientific Content serve a critical role in strengthening the quality of research being done in simulation-based education. This voluntary opportunity is key in bringing the best in simulation-based research to the global simulation community.

Peer Reviews improve the quality of work submitted to the Society in two important ways:

1. Constructive Feedback

Peer reviews include the provision of comments and constructive feedback. Both novice and experienced authors benefit when provided with suggestions for improvement. Many abstract authors are just beginning their work in research, and will benefit greatly from this feedback. For those authors whose abstracts are not accepted, feedback will help them discover ways to be successful in the future. On works that are accepted, feedback can help refine the work for presentation.

Review comments are shared directly with the primary author of the work. Feedback may not always be lengthy; a few attentive, constructive sentences are often the most instructive.

2. Award Selection

Peer review aids in the selection of award-winning abstracts. Rating an abstract as “Outstanding” places the abstract in contention for an award. Including comments on what makes the work outstanding will facilitate the work of the SSH Scientific Content Committee in appropriately recognizing exceptional work.

What does a peer reviewer do?

Voluntary peer reviewers:

1. Read each submission carefully and thoughtfully.
2. Provide the author with constructive feedback, regardless of the final recommendation.
3. Provide information useful to aid the selection of award-winning abstracts.
4. Submit abstract scores according to designated timelines.
5. Strive to ensure that peer review of each abstract is fair, unbiased and timely.
6. Ensure that the content, and subsequent peer reviews of each abstract, remain confidential.

If you would like to become a peer reviewer for the Society, please send a copy of your CV and a letter of interest to:

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