CFP Guidelines

Submit proposals on the Call for Papers (CFP) submission portal at aka.ms/bhilcfp2020. All applicants must read and agree to the call for papers submission guidelines and requirements prior to making a submission. All submissions must be received by December 2, 2019 at 23:59 PT. *Terms and times are subject to change.

Important Dates

/// Call for papers closes: Dec 2, 2019  /// Notifications to authors: By Dec 12, 2019

Topics of Interest

Some possible themes we’re interested in seeing abstracts on are:

- Any innovative research in vulnerabilities, exploits, mitigations and defense
- How bad are we owned, attacks and war stories
- Virtualization, OS, boot, and low level security
- Hardware security, CPU bugs, side channels, backdoors, front doors
- Advanced web security, identity vulns, authentication
- Cloud, networking, or protocol security
- Mobile, IoT, or critical infrastructure security
- Modern cryptography and attacks
- Anything that breaks the internet, or the world as we know it

BlueHat IL has an exclusive audience with professionals and leaders in this space. We recommend submitting advanced, technical talks over introductory ones.

A limited number of speaking slots are available, and all submissions will be reviewed by the content advisory board on a rolling basis until all speaking slots are filled.
Submission Requirements & Process

01 Each submission must be completed in its entirety.
02 Session length - your presentation should target the 30-minute or 45-minute format.
03 The original author(s) of a presentation must submit for the CFP. Third parties such as PR firms or speaker representatives may not submit materials on behalf of a potential speaker or speaking team.
04 No more than three researchers are permitted to present on stage.
05 BlueHat IL does not accept product or vendor-related pitches. A sales or marketing pitch MUST be avoided when preparing your talk.
06 Submissions should clearly detail the concepts, ideas, findings, and solutions a researcher or speaking team plans to present.
07 Speakers may submit more than one proposal, but each proposal must be submitted through a separate submission form.
08 Each submission should acknowledge prior work in the space, distinguishing or highlighting how your presentation is different.
09 Individuals submitting a proposal will receive a “Your submission for BlueHat IL 2020 has been received” email notification within 72 hours of receipt of the submission.
10 BlueHat IL’s selection process is competitive. Members of the BlueHat IL review board score each submission.
11 Speakers will be contacted directly if review board members have any questions about a submission.
12 After selections have been completed, all submitters will receive an email confirmation of acceptance or rejection (by Dec 12, 2019).
13 BlueHat IL will cover up to $2000 USD air travel (economy-class, round-trip airfare for one speaker) and one hotel room for three nights (Feb 4, 5 and 6).
14 BlueHat IL will provide all necessary audio & visual equipment.
15 If you have any questions regarding your submission, please contact bluehati@microsoft.com
How to Submit Your Paper

**STEP 1**
Go to [aka.ms/bhilcfp2020](https://aka.ms/bhilcfp2020).

**STEP 2**
Login to the submission portal – If you’re a Microsoft employee, click “Microsoft Login” otherwise click “Login” for an existing account or “Create Account”.

**STEP 3**
Click “Create New Submission”. The new submission page will prompt you to enter the following:

- **Talk Title** – This is the talk title that will be posted on the website schedule.
- **Abstract** – Provide us with an abstract about what you will be presenting at the conference (2000 characters maximum). This is the abstract that will be posted on the conference website.
- **Authors** – List all the individuals who have contributed to this proposal. Provide us with each author’s name, email address, and the company/organization name.
- **Subject Areas** – Select the topics that best represent the content of your proposal.
- **Files** – Upload your presentation slides or supportive files (optional).
- **Presenter(s)** – Provide us with each presenter’s name, organization, title, and biography. Talks with more than three presenters will not be accepted.
- **Experience Level** – Identify the knowledge level of your targeted attendee (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Any).
- **Additional requirements** – List any technical requirements that you have for your presentation beyond the standard projector, screen and wireless Internet.

If you have any questions regarding the submission process, please don’t hesitate to contact us at bluehati@microsoft.com

Thank you!
The BlueHat IL team