



PrivacyCon Pre-Conference R&D Networking Event 1.11.17

Overview:

The Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) seeks research-supportive federal government agencies and non-profit organizations to participate in a privacy R&D networking event to be held in January 2017, in conjunction with the Commission’s second PrivacyCon.

The Pre-Conference R&D Networking Event aims to spark future privacy research by providing a forum in which federal agencies and nonprofits that fund or otherwise support research can publicize funding and collaboration opportunities, communicate their research needs and objectives, and meet researchers with complementary interests.

Logistics:

When:

The Pre-Conference R&D Networking Event will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The event precedes the full-day activities of PrivacyCon on Thursday, January 12.

Where:

The Pre-Conference R&D Networking Event will be held in the Constitution Center building at 400 7th Street S.W. in the plaza level A/B/C Conference Rooms.

Format:

The Pre-Conference R&D Networking Event is designed for exhibition-style networking. Participating federal agencies and nonprofits will have the opportunity to describe their missions, research objectives, and available funding and collaboration opportunities through literature, poster displays, and interacting with attendees. Attendees will have the opportunity to circulate through the room and speak with representatives from the various federal agencies and nonprofits about the attendees’ research interests and current research projects.

Audience:

The Pre-Conference R&D Networking Event is open to the public. The FTC anticipates that the audience will include students, academic researchers, industry representatives, and PrivacyCon 2017 attendees.

Requirements for Participating Federal Agencies and Nonprofits:

Participating federal agencies and nonprofits must offer at least one of the following:

- Research grants or awards for privacy research;
- Fellowships, scholarships, or internships for students doing privacy research;
- Forums for publishing or presenting privacy research; or
- Opportunities for partnering on privacy research or providing privacy researchers with access to data, software, or other resources.

Participating federal agencies and nonprofits should fund or otherwise support privacy research. Areas of research interest for agencies may include topics outlined in the “[National Privacy Research Strategy](#)” (“NPRS”) which recommends funding for privacy research, coordination across federal agencies, and mechanisms to facilitate the alignment of privacy research with real-world requirements.

Participating federal agencies and nonprofits must send at least one representative who is prepared to discuss his or her agency or organization’s mission, research objectives, and funding or collaboration opportunities and remain for the duration of the event to speak with attendees.

Participating federal agencies and nonprofits must inform the FTC of their interest in participating by **Friday, December 9**. Please send an email to privacycon@ftc.gov with the following information: name of organization, name of contact person, phone number and email address of contact person, one paragraph description of the organization’s interest in privacy research.

Please note that while the FTC offers internships and opportunities for collaboration and hopes this event will help researchers find the resources to explore new avenues of research, the FTC cannot provide or recommend funding of any kind.