The CPAC Spring meeting is planned for Monday, May 3, and Tuesday, May 4, 2021. We are presently planning on a virtual meeting - but if things change dramatically within the next month we may consider a hybrid meeting. In either case, the meeting will include progress reports from CPAC funded research projects and research proposals for next year’s funding. There will also be a session of new technology developments by selected outside speakers. Attending this meeting is an excellent opportunity to experience CPAC technology and innovation. The annual CPAC meeting is also an opportunity for potential sponsors to experience how a relationship with CPAC can add value to your organization. The CPAC meeting experiences includes formal and informal opportunities for networking, meeting CPAC Graduate Students and getting to know the principal investigators and their research. If the meeting is in person, it will include lunches and breaks as well as a formal dinner with PIs and students invited.

Our goal for CPAC 2021 is to schedule an invited industry speaker to present a case study on the value of multidisciplinary approaches to problem solving. Along with that, we are considering having ‘lighting’ presentations (5-minute talks) given by selected graduate students on how they value multidisciplinary research.

The CPAC meeting provides a unique opportunity for graduate students to meet and interact with industry leaders. The experience of talking with industry experts involves how to identify a problem that is data rich and needs analysis, the development of a chemometric model to address the problem, the real-time optimization of a method/model during beta-testing, and the process/product benefits that were achieved since implementation. The CPAC meeting also addresses a routine request from our industry network that they are always looking for highly trained students for the practical and applied interdisciplinary data-driven work required to maintain their company’s analytical leadership.

The meeting description and further information on the preliminary agenda and registration will be available soon on the CPAC website (cpac.washington.edu). Please contact Mel Koch or Brian Marquardt with questions regarding the meeting.

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**Registration**

The CPAC May Meeting Registration Fees are:
CPAC Member (per person) - $450 if it is an in person meeting; ($100 if a virtual meeting)
CPAC Non-Member (per person) - $600 if it is an in person meeting; ($175 if virtual)