Discover IEEE Collabratec

by J. Patrick Donohoe

IEEE Collabratec is an integrated online community that allows students, engineers, and technology professionals with similar interests to network and collaborate through online communities and groups. Online communities and groups provide the opportunity to ask and answer questions, post documents, and view relevant events. You can expand your professional network and stay connected with current contacts all in one place.

Collabratec makes it easy to find technical experts by quickly sorting through thousands of profiles by technical interests, geographic location, school/university, company, IEEE membership grade, Society membership, and more. Users can showcase their accomplishments and empower others to discover their expertise by establishing a professional identity. You can develop and expand a trusted network of technical experts to start discussions, share expertise, or create opportunities. Using Collabratec, exchanging great ideas with trusted colleagues and receiving their feedback is simple and easy, be it one on one or with members of a group.

Users can discover career opportunities by searching, saving, and applying for technical jobs. Collabratec makes it easy for recruiters to find you when you upload your curriculum vitae/resume and make it visible to organizations seeking talent. You can join students and professionals alike who are navigating the transition to a new career. Collabratec provides the opportunity to connect with more than 450+ available mentors or to identify yourself as one. Users can also search and connect with talent from around the world by creating a short-term assignment, task for a project, freelance opportunity, or internship.

> **Using Collabratec, exchanging great ideas with trusted colleagues and receiving their feedback is simple and easy, be it one-on-one or with members of a group.**

In Collabratec, communities bring together like-minded professionals around exciting topics of technical interest, affinity, or geographic location. Inside a community, you can share expertise or debate hot topics as well as discover conferences or meetings taking place in your area or around the globe. You can stay up to date with the latest technical topics including 5G, smart cities, the Internet of Things, entrepreneurship, and more. Users can discover what is happening locally by joining a community focused on their city or region, with communities ranging from Asia/Pacific to London to Uganda and more. The diversity of the IEEE can be explored by joining communities for Young Professionals, IEEE Day, Global Student Exchange, Women in Leadership, and others.

The Library features allow you to add and manage documents. Authors may also enjoy easy collaboration and coauthoring from virtually anywhere with documents that are stored in your Library. Groups allow participants to post, comment, and collaborate on a collection of documents. Stay up-to-date on current technical topics or local activities by joining an unlimited amount of communities; over 125 communities have already been established.

You can learn more about Collabratec from the student perspective by visiting https://www.ieee.org/membership_services/membership/students/index.html. Currently, the Collabratec directory lists over 450,000 users.

About the author
J. Patrick Donohoe (p.donohoe@ieee.org) is the IEEE Member and Geographic Activities—Student Activities Committee chair.

P