Call for PhD Symposium Submissions

Goal

The 2018 IEEE International Conference on Software Testing, Verification, and Validation features a one-day PhD Symposium track with the following goals: (1) to provide constructive feedback and guidance to doctoral students who's dissertation research is related to software testing, verification, and validation; (2) to develop a supportive community of researchers and identify potential collaborators; (3) and to facilitate interaction between students and established researchers and practitioners in the field. The Symposium will also include insightful keynote presentations from established researchers.

Call for Submissions

The symposium invites PhD students at all stages of their studies, from first year students to those ready for their final dissertation defense. Each student needs to write a short research summary and make a public presentation at the symposium. After the public presentation, students will receive oral feedback from a panel of researchers and practitioners. Students may also seek advice on topics such as how to perform research in testing, how to design and execute empirical research, write scientific papers, and eventually prepare for the defense itself. Accepted research summaries will be published in the conference proceedings.

How to Submit

Submissions to the PhD Symposium should include the following:
1. A research summary of at most two pages.
2. CV with research achievements including publications and presentations.
3. A letter of recommendation from the dissertation advisor.

Research summaries must be formatted according to the ICST 2018 Formatting Instructions and submitted along with a current CV (both in PDF format) via EasyChair at the following address:
http://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=icst2018. In addition, please ensure that your advisor sends the letter of recommendation as an attachment to an e-mail with the subject "ICST Doctoral Symposium Recommendation" to **icst18phd@gmail.com**.

Evaluation

All submissions that meet the submission criteria will be evaluated by the PhD Symposium chairs on the basis of their relevance to the ICST community, their originality, and their technical soundness.

Scholarships

A limited number of travel grants are available to PhD students. Priority will be based on need and date of submission. Please indicate your interest in being considered for a travel grant along with your submission.

PhD Symposium Co-Chairs

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Important Dates

Deadline for Submissions: **January 31, 2018**
Notification of Acceptance: **February 14, 2018**
PhD Symposium: **April 11, 2018**