



EASE 2014 Conference

18th International Conference on Evaluation and Assessment in
Software Engineering

Doctoral Symposium

Monday 12 May 2014, Brunel University

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Goal and Scope

The goal of the EASE Doctoral symposium (DS) is to provide PhD students an opportunity to share and discuss their goals, methods and results of their research. During the DS students will give a presentation of their current progress. Experts in empirical software engineering will provide students with feedback on their research, allowing students to ask questions about how they can overcome obstacles or enhance their current research proposals.

Important Dates

30 March 2014 Submission due
14 April 2014 Notification to authors
12 May 2014 Doctoral Symposium

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The scope of research topics of the DS is the same as for the main conference. Therefore, we invite **research proposals** relating to issues in empirical software engineering and their application in software development practice. Submissions may discuss any aspects of empirical and evaluation research in software engineering. Students who submit a proposal to the DS should have decided on a research topic, and have a proposal for an appropriate research method. Preferably, students should be at least a year from completion of their research in order to be able to incorporate the feedback obtained during the symposium into their dissertation

Submission

Research proposals submitted to the doctoral symposium should be a **maximum of 4 pages**, including references and figures, and should be formatted using the ACM template (<http://www.acm.org/sigs/publications/proceedings-templates>). Each submission **must** include title, researcher's name and affiliation, supervisor(s) name(s), abstract, list of keywords and a complete list of references. Research proposals will be subjected to a single-blind review. Submissions should at least discuss the following elements: the **background of the research**, the **motivation for the research**, the **research question(s) addressed in the study** and a **description of the proposed research method**. Students in the later stages of their research are encouraged to include an overview of their completed research activities.

Research proposals should be submitted through EasyChair:

<https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ease2014dc>

Acceptance

Accepted research proposals will be included in the proceedings of the EASE conference, which will be published by ACM. Authors of accepted papers are required to register for the EASE conference at the special student rate. They will also be asked to give a presentation on their work for about 20 minutes, which will be followed by a 20 minutes discussion during which students are given feedback on their work by members of the Doctoral Symposium panel, DS chairs and other students.

For further information on the conference (registering, location, etc.), please visit <http://ease2014.org>. For any queries please contact Doctoral Symposium Chairs:

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