Doctoral Symposium Call

The ICT4S 2020 Doctoral Symposium is a one-day event to be held on June 22nd, 2020 in Bristol, UK. The symposium will bring together doctoral students working in all areas of ICT for Sustainability and give them the opportunity to present and discuss their research in a constructive and friendly international atmosphere.

Each student will be given an opportunity to present his or her research project and receive constructive feedback from a panel of senior internationally renowned researchers working in the software and sustainability domains. The doctoral symposium is run in a highly interactive and collegial format.

Important Dates:

- Extended abstract submission deadline: **February 28th 2020 (12pm (noon) PDT / 3pm EDT / 8pm BST)**
- Notification: **31 March 2020**
- Camera-Ready due: **10 April 2020 (12pm (noon) PST / 3pm EST / 8pm GMT)**

- Doctoral symposium day: **23 June 2020**

Who Should Participate

The Doctoral Symposium welcomes any doctoral student who has already settled on a dissertation topic and whose doctoral research will benefit from external feedback.

Submission Instructions

To apply as a student participant to the Doctoral Symposium, you need to submit by research abstract and a participation statement.

Part 1: Research Abstract

Your research abstract must be formatted according to the ACM full paper format (Word template, [overleaf](#) and LaTeX class file) and must not exceed 4 pages, including all text, references, appendices, and figures.

The research abstract should include:

- A one-paragraph summary in the style of an abstract for a regular paper,
- Your situation, i.e., the university doctoral program context in which your work is being conducted (Department, year of study, etc)
- Context and motivation that drives your dissertation research
- Research objectives/goals/questions
- Background/literature review of key works that frame your research
- Hypothesis/thesis and/or problem statement
- Your research approach and methods, including relevant rationale
- Results to date and their validity
- Dissertation status and next steps
- Current and expected contributions

Note: The sections of your research abstract do not have to follow the outlined structure, but they must have similar content. If you are at a relatively early stage of your research, you might have some difficulty addressing all of the content requirements, but you should attempt to do so as well as you can. Your submission should contain no proprietary or confidential material and should cite no proprietary or confidential publications.

Part 2: Participation statement

A short statement of expected benefits of participation for both yourself and the other symposium participants (i.e., what will you contribute as well as gain) (max 1 page).

Submission Link

Please submit your Doctoral Symposium paper in PDF format via EasyChair. Second, select "ICT4S 20 Doctoral Symposium" for your submission.

Evaluation Criteria

Participants in the symposium will be selected via a curation process by the Doctoral Symposium Committee. The following criteria will be used:

- The quality and potential of the research and its relevance to the ICT4S field.
- The stage of your doctoral education program.
- As a group, the accepted candidates will exhibit a diversity of backgrounds and topics.
- The stage of the research and its suitability for the Doctoral Symposium.
- Submissions should not contain sensitive, private, or proprietary information that cannot be disclosed at publication time. Submissions should NOT be anonymous. However, the confidentiality of submissions will be maintained during the review process.

Upon Acceptance of your Doctoral Symposium Submission

The authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection on 31 March 2020.

Authors of accepted submissions will receive instructions on how to submit their publication-ready copy and will receive information about attending the Doctoral Symposium, preparing their **_presentation and poster_**, and registering for the conference.

At the Conference

All participants are expected to attend all the full day of the symposium, including a group dinner on the first evening. Each student will present his or her work to the group with substantial time allowed for discussion and questions by participating researchers and other students. Detailed instructions will be provided to participants upon acceptance.

Students will also present a poster of their work at the main conference. Some useful **examples** about preparing a poster below:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=1RwJbhkCA58
- http://codecamp.fi/doku.php/perccom_summer_school_2018/poster_guidelines/start (don't use that template, and please don't try to print it in Lappeenranta ;-))

Doctoral Symposium Panel: The membership of the panel will be determined after we know who is planning to attend the conference. But the panel will consist of renowned senior people in the field who have experience supervising research.

After the Conference

Accepted Doctoral symposium abstracts will be distributed in the ICT4S 2020 Extended Abstracts. The official publication date is the date the proceedings are made available in the ACM Digital Library.

Doctoral Symposium Chairs:

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Sugar cube: The chairs thank previous conference guidelines (CHI, ICSE and RE), which helped us to elaborate these guidelines.