



CALL FOR PAPERS

PhD Symposium

The PhD Symposium is held in conjunction with the 26th International World Wide Web Conference, April 3-7, 2017, Perth, Australia.

The goal of the PhD Symposium is to provide a supportive atmosphere for PhD students to present and receive feedback on their ongoing work. Students at different stages in their research will have an opportunity to present and discuss their problem statements, goals, methods and results. The symposium aims to provide students useful guidance on various aspects of their research from established researchers and other PhD students working in research areas related to the World Wide Web. Finally, the symposium also aims to enable PhD students to interact with other participants and potential collaborators in order to stimulate an exchange of ideas, suggestions and experiences.

The PhD Symposium welcomes submissions by PhD candidates working on the topics of www2017. You can consult the list of www2017 topics.

Eligibility

The PhD Symposium is open to all PhD students. PhD students at the beginning stages of their doctoral work are particularly welcome when they have a well-defined problem statement and some ideas about the solution that they would like to discuss. PhD students in a more advanced stage of their work should still have a sufficient time before completing their dissertation to be able to benefit from the symposium experience.

Submission Guidelines

Submissions should be written based on the following structure, which focuses on the key methodological components required for a sound research synthesis:

Problem	Describe the core problem of the PhD and motivate its relevance
State of the art	Describe relevant related work
Proposed approach	Present the approach taken and motivate how this is novel with respect to existing works
Methodology	Sketch the methodology that is (or will be) adopted and, in particular, the approach to be taken for evaluating the results of the work
Results	Describe the current status of the work and any results that have been reached so far
Conclusions and future work	Conclude and specify the major items of future work

In addition, a one-page **appendix** describing the benefits that would be obtained from attending the PhD Symposium is required. The one-page appendix should include:

- A brief statement by student describing the purpose for attending the PhD Symposium, and providing a list of questions (or topics) the student wishes the mentors to discuss or obtain feedback on.
- A brief statement by student's advisor(s) supporting the student's participation in the PhD Symposium, describing the current status of the research, and providing an anticipated date for thesis completion.

Submissions must be no longer than 5 pages (excluding the appendix) and must be formatted in the style of the *www2017* submissions (which is based on the ACM SIG Proceedings style). Papers must be in PDF (Adobe's Portable Document Format) format and must be submitted electronically. Submissions that do not comply with the formatting guidelines will be rejected without review.

Submissions must be single-author, on the topic of the doctoral work. The name of the supervisor must be clearly marked (« supervised by ... ») on the paper, under the author's name.

Selection Process

All submissions will be reviewed by the PhD Symposium Program Committee composed of experienced researchers, who can provide feedback and suggest future research directions. All the accepted PhD Symposium papers (excluding the appendix) will be included in the same Companion Volume with the papers from the tracks of Posters, Demos, and Developer, and made available through the ACM Digital Library.

Submission

Please submit proposals via EasyChair in the PhD Symposium track at:
<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=www2017phdsymposium>

Inquiries can be sent to <mailto:phdsymposium@www2016.caphd-www-2017@googlegroups.com>

Important Dates

- Submission deadline: **Sunday, January 8, 2017**
- Acceptance notification: **Tuesday, January 31, 2017**
- Camera-ready version due: **Wednesday, February 8, 2017**

Track Chairs

- **Mohamed Hamdi**, Orvidia (Canada)
- **Myunghwan Kim**, LinkedIn (USA)