The Doctoral Symposium of ESEC/FSE aims to create a forum for PhD students working in the area of software engineering to present and discuss their research goals, methods, and preliminary results with senior researchers from the software engineering community in a constructive and friendly atmosphere.

Specifically, the symposium aims to:

1. Provide a setting whereby students receive feedback on their research and guidance on future directions from the Doctoral Symposium Panel,
2. foster the creation of a supportive community of scholars and a spirit of collaborative research, and
3. contribute to the conference goals through interaction with other researchers at the main conference.

Participants will obtain useful guidance for completion of their dissertation research and initiation of a research career in software engineering. Prospective student participants should be at a stage in their research where they have identified a research topic and have made significant progress, but are at least 6 months prior to dissertation completion.

The Symposium will be held on 4 September 2007, the day before the main conference. Every student, who submitted an abstract will be invited to attend the Symposium. A small number of submissions will be selected for presentation and publication in the conference proceedings. Advisors of student presenters will not be allowed to attend their student's presentations.

Participants will be selected based on a 4-page abstract describing their proposed thesis research. The abstract should provide a description of the larger problem their research is trying to address, a focused description of the proposed research, including a statement of their hypotheses, a description of their approach and evaluation plans, and an indication of related work and expected improvements and benefits.

The abstract must be submitted through the conference web site in PDF or PS. Submissions will be reviewed by the Symposium Panel and selected for inclusion in the symposium on the basis of technical merit, presentation quality, and relevance to the conference topics. Abstracts of students who present at the Symposium will be included in the conference proceedings.

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