**Doctoral Symposium**

**Important Dates**

Submissions:  
November 22, 2013  
Notification:  
February 17, 2014  
Camera ready:  
March 14, 2014

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The goals of the Doctoral Symposium are to provide a supportive yet questioning setting in which Ph.D. students can present their research proposal; to provide an opportunity for students to attend ICSE; and to support the ICSE mission as a world-leading venue for software engineering research. Students will be able to discuss their goals, methods, and results at an early stage in their research. The Symposium aims to provide students with useful guidance and feedback on various aspects of their research from established researchers, young post-docs and the other student attendees. It also helps participants to establish a research and social network of their peers from around the world. The Symposium will take place the day before the main ICSE conference *(Tuesday, June 3, 2014)*.

**Scope**

The technical scope of the Symposium is that of ICSE. Students should consider participating in the Doctoral Symposium after they have settled on a dissertation topic and have outlined a research proposal. Students should be at least a year from completion of their dissertation (at the time of the Symposium) to obtain maximum benefit from participation. We invite students at different stages to submit to the Doctoral Symposium: Students at an initial stage (first or second year) should show evidence that they are concretizing their research question and approach. Students at a mature stage (third or fourth year) should have published or be about to publish their first paper on a concrete research question and approach.

**Review and Evaluation Criteria**

Each prospective student participant will submit a research abstract and a letter of recommendation for consideration by the Doctoral Symposium Committee (see [http://2014.icse-conferences.org/doctoral](http://2014.icse-conferences.org/doctoral) for details). The Doctoral Symposium Committee will select participants using the following four criteria:

- The potential quality of the research and its relevance to software engineering
- Quality of the research abstract
- The stage of the research
- Diversity of background, research topics and approaches

**Acceptance**

Accepted research abstracts will appear in the ICSE 2014 Proceedings which will also be available electronically. Authors will be notified of acceptance by February 17, 2014. Upon notification of acceptance, all authors will be asked to complete an ACM Copyright form and will receive further instructions for preparing their camera ready versions according to the ICSE 2014 Format and Submission Guidelines. All authors will be expected to be able to meet the ICSE 2014 camera-ready copy deadline (March 14, 2014) and to present their work at the ICSE 2014 conference.