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## Call for Doctoral Symposium Contributions

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The **Doctoral Symposium** at the 21st IEEE International Requirements Engineering Conference (RE'13) brings together PhD students working in requirements engineering and facilitates the interaction among PhD students and RE researchers. Students present their research to receive constructive feedback from a panel of senior international researchers. The doctoral symposium is run in a highly interactive and workshop-like format.

### Who Should Participate

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The Doctoral Symposium welcomes PhD students who have already settled on a dissertation topic and whose PhD dissertation will benefit from external feedback. Such students will typically be midway through their PhD work.

### Submission Instructions

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To apply as a student participant to the Doctoral Symposium you need to submit a package consisting of two parts no later than April 3rd, 2013.

#### Part 1. Research Abstract

Research abstracts must be formatted according to the IEEE Conference Publishing Services formatting instructions (<http://www.computer.org/portal/web/cscps/formatting>) and **must not exceed 4 pages**, including all text, references, appendices, and figures. Research abstracts must be in English and must be submitted via EasyChair (<https://www.easychair.org/account/signin.cgi?conf=dsre13>) in PDF format.

The research abstract should include:

- The **title of your research**
- Your **contact information** (name, affiliation, postal address, personal webpage, and e-mail address)
- A one paragraph **summary** in the style of an abstract for a regular paper
- **Research questions** clearly formulating what you want to achieve or solve
- **Technical challenges** associated with the research questions
- A **motivation** justifying the importance of the research problem
- A discussion of the **state of the art** showing what existing work your research builds upon, which existing solutions have been developed including an explanation why they do not solve the problem
- A section sketching your **proposed solution** including technical and other aspects
- Your **research contributions** stating how the suggested solution goes beyond existing approaches

- A description of the **research methods** you will use including a strategy for evaluating your work to provide credible evidence of your results
- A description of the **progress** you made towards completing the research
- A list of references of **accepted publications** you have written, if any

The sections of the research abstract do not have to follow the above structure, but must have similar content. Students at a relatively early stage of their research might have some difficulty addressing all of the content requirements, but should attempt to do so as well as they can.

Submissions should contain no proprietary or confidential material and should cite no proprietary or confidential publications.

### Part 2: Recommendation Letter

Ask your (main) dissertation advisor for a letter of recommendation. This letter should include:

- Your name
- An assessment of the current status of your dissertation research
- The expected date for defending the dissertation

The letter should be in PDF format and should be sent directly by your advisor via e-mail to both the RE'13 Doctoral Symposium Chairs, **Ana Moreira** (amm@fct.unl.pt) and **Paul Grünbacher** (paul.gruenbacher@jku.at). This letter will be held confidential. The e-mail should have the subject "RE13-DS-Recommendation" and your last name.

### Evaluation Criteria

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The Doctoral Symposium Committee will select participants using the following three criteria:

- The quality and potential of the research and its relevance to Requirements Engineering
- The quality of the research abstract (see Section "Submission Instructions" above)
- The stage of the research and its suitability for the Doctoral Symposium

### Scholarships to Attend RE 2013

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If you are accepted as a student participant at the Doctoral Symposium, you should plan to attend the Requirements Engineering conference. The organizing committee offers scholarships allowing students to attend the conference in return for acting as a student volunteer, and priority is given to applications from students participating in the Doctoral Symposium.

If you wish to be considered for a volunteer scholarship, you are encouraged to apply to the Student Volunteer program of RE'13 ([http://www.cin.ufpe.br/~re2013/pages/main.php?id=page\\_studentvolunteers](http://www.cin.ufpe.br/~re2013/pages/main.php?id=page_studentvolunteers)) immediately after you are notified about acceptance as a participant in the Doctoral Symposium.

### Important Dates

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- Deadline for research abstract and recommendation letter: April 3rd, 2013
- Notification of acceptance: April 26th, 2013
- Camera-ready paper: May 10th, 2013
- Doctoral Symposium: July 15th or 16th, 2013

*\*All deadlines are 23:59 Pago Pago, American Samoa time*

## Doctoral Symposium Committee

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## Doctoral Symposium Chairs

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For more information, please contact the RE'13 Doctoral Symposium Chairs:



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