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# **RE '01 Doctoral Symposium**

# **IEEE Fifth Symposium on Requirements Engineering**

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## **Important Dates**

Submission Deadline: 1 June 2001 Author Notification: 29 June 2001 Camera-Ready Copy Due: 15 July 2001 Doctoral Symposium: 28 August 2001

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The Full Program, with Registration Form, and hotel accomodation information will be available via the symposium URL:

http://www.re01.org/

#### Goa

The goal of the Doctoral Symposium is to bring together PhD students working on foundations, techniques, tools and applications to requirements engineering and give them the opportunity to present and discuss their research in a constructive and international atmosphere. The symposiums aims to:

- · provide a setting for mutual feedback on participants' current research and guidance on future research directions; and
- develop a supportive community of scholars and a spirit of collaborative research.

The workshop and RE will also provide an opportunity for student participants to interact with established researchers and others in the wider requirements engineering community. The RE '01 Doctoral Symposium is a one day workshop to be held August 28 in conjunction with the IEEE Fifth Symposium on Requirements Engineering (RE).

### Who Should Submit?

Student participants should consider participating in the doctoral workshop at least six months before completion of their dissertation, but after having settled on a research area or thesis topic.

# **Review Process**

Each prospective student participant will submit a package of materials for consideration by the doctoral symposium committee. The committee will select participants on the basis of their anticipated contribution to the symposium goals as well as the potential benefit students. Among the criteria that will be considered in reviewing submissions are:

- the potential quality of the research and its relevance to requirements engineering;
- the stage of the research (The organisers will seek to select students across a range of research stages); and
- diversity of background, research topic, and approach.

#### Submissions

To apply as a student participant in the Doctoral Symposium, prepare a submission package consisting of three parts listed below. Each of these parts must be submitted electronically by the listed deadlines.

## General Information

- Name of student, Univ. and department, full mailing address, telephone, fax, email address;
- Name of thesis advisor, Univ. and department, full mailing address, telephone, fax, email address
- Brief description of research topic (25 words or less)

# Research Abstract

Submit an abstract describing your dissertation research. Your abstract should be at least 3 pages, but not more than 5 pages long, when prepared according to the format guidelines below. The research abstract should clearly indicate the:

- title of your work
- research area or sub-area of your work (10 words or less).
- problem to be solved. The importance of the problem should be justified.
- justification that prior research has not solved the problem.
- research hypothesis (claim) and details of the proposed solution.
- expected contributions of your dissertation research. Progress in solving the stated problem should be the major contribution.
   It is important to describe a plan for evaluating your work and presenting credible evidence of your results to the research community
   Students at relatively early stages of their research will have some difficulty addressing some of these areas. Nonetheless, each prospective student participant should address them as well as possible.

#### Letter of Recommendation:

Ask your thesis advisor to submit a letter of recommendation to aianton@mindspring.com. The letter of recommendation must include a detailed assessment of the current status of your thesis research and an expected date for thesis submission.

#### Submission Format

The general information packet and letter of recommendation should be plain ASCII text with no markup. Research abstracts must be submitted in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) (with all fonts included). Each research abstract must be a single file. Typeset abstracts should be set in 12 point type with 1 inch margins on all sides for 8.5 by 11 inch sized paper.

#### **Ground Rules**

All submitted materials must be in English. All materials must be submitted electronically in the formats listed above. Your submission should contain no proprietary or confidential material and should cite no proprietary or confidential publications. Permissions to use video audio or pictures of identifiable people must be obtained by you, not RE'01.