

DOCTORAL CONSORTIUM

The technical program of presentations and workshops of FLINS 2014 is complemented by the first Doctoral Consortium that invites participation by PhD students at any stage and from any subject area within soft computing and decision-making.

The goals of the Doctoral Consortium are

- to provide PhD students with the opportunity to present and discuss their current research and receive feedback from established researchers
- to promote networking among PhD students and renowned researchers on a national and an international level;
- to support students with up-to-date information and give them independent feedback to shape their research planning or to polish their analysis

These are closed sessions open only to the participants, and provide a secure and non-judgemental opportunity for open discussions about progress, problems and future planning. The discussed PhD research should be at a stage where a received feedback might be of value. It is recommended that a PhD student should have at least a year of work remaining to complete a PhD thesis, although we welcome applications from students at any stage of their PhD.

Before submitting, a PhD student should discuss this matter with his/her supervisor.

Submission Guidelines

The doctoral consortium is implemented as a student mentoring program that introduces students to senior researchers in the relevant fields. Students accepted for the Doctoral Consortium will participate also in the main FLINS 2014 conference and are expected to pay a reduced (student) registration fee.

To attend the FLINS 2014 Doctoral Consortium, please submit the following documents via FLINS2014 EasyChair Account indicating the name the Doctoral Consortium (in the title of a paper):

- An extended abstract of your thesis, formatted according to the FLINS guidelines, that describes
 - Working PhD title
 - Formulation of the research questions, objectives and expected contributions
 - Short outline of the current knowledge of the problem domain and the state of existing solutions
 - The proposed solution of the problem

- Expected or preliminary summary of results/analysis
- Short list of references

Note: The abstract must be limited to four pages.

- A short CV (at most 2 pages) that covers background (name, university, supervisor), education (degree sought, year/status in degree, previous degrees), employment, and relevant experience in research (publications, presentations, conferences attended).

The accepted extended abstracts will be published in Proceedings.

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Important Dates

- Doctoral Consortium submissions: February 15, 2014
- Notification of decisions: March 10, 2014
- Camera ready deadline: April 10, 2014
- Doctoral Consortium at FLINS 2014

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