

Introduction to Doctoral Symposium

The ASE Doctoral Symposium is a one-day forum in which PhD students working in automated software engineering present and discuss their research with working scientists in the ASE community. Specifically, the symposium:

- provides a constructive atmosphere in which students receive feedback on their research and guidance on future directions from a broad group of advisors,
- fosters a supportive community of scholars and a spirit of collaborative research, and
- contributes to the conference goals through interaction with other researchers and conference events.

The symposium is intended for students who have not yet completed their dissertation research and do not expect to write up their dissertation before the conference. Students' submissions were reviewed by the symposium organizers and selected for inclusion in the symposium on the basis of originality, technical merit, presentation quality, and relevance to the conference topics. This year, eight extended abstracts have been selected for presentation, discussion, and publication in the proceedings.

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