CALL FOR DOCTORAL SYMPOSIUM

Important Dates
Paper submission deadline: Aug. 16th – Aug. 30th, 2021
Notification of acceptance: Sept. 13th, 2021
Camera-ready deadline: Oct. 11th, 2021
NFV-SDN Conference: Nov. 9th–11th, 2021

Objectives
The Doctoral Symposium is an innovative feature of the IEEE NFV-SDN conference series. It provides an opportunity for PhD students to discuss and get valuable feedback on their research work from experienced researchers from both industry and academia. It will help to build and strengthen collaboration amongst the communities researching and working in the areas of NFV and SDN.

The doctoral symposium has the status of an IEEE workshop and provides an excellent opportunity for networking amongst all participants. Accepted submissions are published in the conference proceedings and disseminated through the IEEE Xplore Digital Library.

The Doctoral Symposium Committee will present a Best Doctoral Paper Award. The assessment criteria for the award will include the potential of the thesis to impact future engineering practice as well as the novelty and contribution of the work to the field.

Eligibility
The forum is open to all PhD students and researchers whose PhD thesis is in progress, or was recently completed (i.e., during 2020 or 2021). We particularly welcome submissions from PhD students at the beginning of their work when they have a well-defined problem statement and are developing their ideas on how to approach the challenges. Likewise, we are also looking for contributions from PhD students in more advanced stages who want to present their research results and share insights coming from their experience which might help others to progress their work. The Doctoral Symposium Committee will require evidence of the status as a (former) PhD student. This can be a letter from the supervisor or other recognized authority within the university.

Submission Guidelines
Submitted papers must be written in English and formatted according to the standard IEEE double-column conference template (10-point font). Early stage PhD papers should be two (2) to four (4) pages in length. Late stage PhD papers should be four (4) to six (6) pages in length. One additional page is available for an over length page charge of 100USD. Papers exceeding five (5) pages or seven (7) pages, respectively, are not accepted. For detailed information on submission and advice to best structure the paper, please visit https://nfvsdn2021.ieee-nfdsdn.org/authors/call-for-doctoral-symposium.

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