

COMSNETS 2015 PhD Forum

The PhD Forum will provide a friendly and supportive environment for doctoral students (in various stages of their PhD) to present and discuss their dissertation research both with their peers and experienced researchers from academia and industry. In addition to providing technical feedback and advice, this forum will provide an excellent opportunity for students to network as well as to practice presenting their research, clearly and concisely. **The topics of interest are the same as the main COMSNETS conference** (http://www.comsnets.org/call_for_papers.html).

Who can participate:

To be eligible to **submit your work** to the PhD forum for evaluation and presentation, you must be a PhD student (in any stage of your PhD). However, B.Tech/ Masters students considering doing a PhD in future, and junior PhD students yet to define their research area, are also strongly encouraged to attend the forum for inspiration and guidance.

Why you should participate:

Honest feedback on your PhD work: Whether you are in first year of PhD, struggling to define a concrete problem, or in your middle years fighting procrastination or in your final stages, worried about impressing your dissertation examiners, brainstorming can be of help at all stages. **The submission will not be part of any proceeding.**

Interaction with industrial researchers: Internships during early and middle years of PhD can broaden your outlook and technical skills. In the closing years, information on open positions can broaden your future job prospects. This venue will see a lot of participation from industrial researchers with great opportunities to interact.

There will be a **waiver of registration fees** for the main conference for the PhD forum presenters. Also the candidates are eligible to apply for travel grants.

There will be a **best presenter award**, based on judgment by a panel in the audience. The award will include a certificate and a cash prize.

Submission Components:

Name	Limit	Purpose	Format
Resume	1 page	to inform which stage of PhD you are in, internship experiences, publications, etc.	pdf
Abstract	2 pages	to give an overview of dissertation research problem, why the problem is important and interesting, current results, future plan	pdf
Presentation	8-10 slides	to draw attention of the audience in a 15 minute talk about your work, and to get useful feedback to make your research meaningful and productive	pdf

How to submit:

1. Create a zip folder with candidate details called surname_name_institute.zip with the three pdf files (resume, abstract and presentation).
 2. Email the zip folder to phdforum.comsnets2015@gmail.com.
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Evaluation Committee:

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Important Dates:

Submissions due: Nov 6, 2014

Notification of acceptance: Nov 21, 2014

Main event: Selected day during main conference Jan. 6-10 2014

For any query, please do not hesitate to email the forum chairs at phdforum.comsnets2015@gmail.com.