

VLDB 2007 PhD Workshop

The VLDB PhD workshop is a forum for PhD students working in the broad areas addressed by the VLDB conference itself. This forum aims at facilitating interactions among PhD students and at stimulating feedback from more experienced researchers.

We particularly encourage students that are somewhere in the middle of their research to submit to this workshop. They should be more or less clear about the problem they want to target and have first ideas on how to solve it. We are explicitly not looking for people who just started or are already close to finishing up their PhD research.

Along these lines and because participating in this workshop is also thought to be a means to get first "direct" experiences with the international database community, active participation is restricted to people who have *not* yet published their research in one of the major conferences in the field (like VLDB, SIGMOD, EDBT, ICDE) or respective journals.

Any topic covered by the VLDB conference is acceptable. Obviously, submissions must be single-author, but the name of the supervisor should also be mentioned. Some sort of web publication of accepted papers is planned.

Papers should clearly describe a problem, explain why it is important, detail what the existing solutions are and why they are not sufficient, and give some indication of new solutions the student is pursuing. There should be enough substance to provide discussion, but the work does not need to be complete.

The Program Committee for this workshop consists mainly of distinguished researchers who have obtained their PhDs not too long ago. Members of the Program Committee as well as some senior professors will attend the PhD workshop. Every accepted paper will be read by 2-3 members of this accompanying group who will then be particularly prepared to give feedback.

Paper presentations will be limited to 25 minutes, with 20 additional minutes for discussion. Consistently with the objective of last year's VLDB PhD workshop, we hope to revive the original idea of a "workshop" - the dictionary says "a meeting for concerted discussion or activity". It should be a lively, exciting event. We will also try to organize some social events for all participants, to allow for further interaction.

Submissions

Authors should submit their papers in PDF format through the conference management.

https://msrcmt.research.microsoft.com/VLDB_PhDWorkShop07/Default.aspx

The paper should be of max. 6 pages (including references) and should be formatted with the same rules as VLDB papers. Please make sure to meet these guidelines.

IMPORTANT: to be fair to all authors, we will strictly enforce the limit of 6 pages. We will not be able to accept submissions that go beyond this limit.

By submitting, you acknowledge that you fall into the category mentioned above, i.e. are not close to finishing your PhD research and have not published (neither as author or coauthor) in major conferences or journals of your field. You also confirm that your supervisor has seen and approved your submission; her or his name has to be indicated and clearly marked (“supervised by ...”) on the paper, under the author’s name.

No proceedings will be published (so future publications of your work in conferences/journals are not hampered), but accepted submissions will be made available to participants electronically.

Important Dates

Submission Deadline: April 12, 2007

Notification of Acceptance: May 25, 2007

Final Paper Due: July 10, 2007

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