PHD FORUM
CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

SoftCOM 2025
September 18–20, 2025
Split, CROATIA
https://2025.softcom.fesb.unist.hr/

FORMAT
Extended abstract (short paper)
2-minute pitch talk (presentation)
Poster (live poster session)

IMPORTANT DATES
July 15, 2025: Ext. Abstract Submission
July 31, 2025: Notification of Acceptance
Sept. 5, 2025: Camera-Ready Version
Sept. 19, 2025: PhD Forum Event

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The 33rd International Conference on Software, Telecommunications and Computer Networks, **SoftCOM 2025**, will host a **PhD Forum** on Friday, **September 19, 2025**, at the Radisson Blu hotel in Split, Croatia, the venue of the main conference.

The PhD Forum provides an opportunity for doctoral students to present their work related to the SoftCOM 2025 conference topics to a wider community of researchers from academia and industry. Its aim is also to encourage interaction and networking among doctoral students from different universities.

INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

Doctoral students are invited to submit a **two-page extended abstract** for review and possible inclusion in the PhD Forum program. Details are available at: https://2025.softcom.fesb.unist.hr/phd-forum/.

The extended abstracts should be formatted according to the SoftCOM 2025 paper submission instructions, but limited to two (2) pages in total, and submitted electronically before the submission deadline, via EDAS (PhD Forum track). The extended abstract should include the title; the names and affiliations of the student and their advisor(s); a summary of research goals and results (up to 150 words); a presentation of the research topic; any graphical illustrations that support the presentation; and a list of references.

The authors of **accepted submissions** will be asked to prepare a **poster**, to be personally presented by the doctoral student at the PhD Forum. The poster should be printed on standard A1 size paper (594 x 841 mm), portrait orientation. An optional poster template will be provided for your convenience.

The PhD Forum will feature a poster session, introduced by fast-paced, 2-minute pitch talks from each student. The pitch talk should offer a brief overview of one's doctoral research to spark interest and encourage discussion during the following poster session.

REVIEW PROCESS

To keep within the time limits of PhD Forum as a whole, the number of PhD presentations/posters will be limited to 20. Submissions will be reviewed for relevance, innovation, and presentation quality. Accepted works will appear in the SoftCOM 2025 PhD Forum Book of Abstracts, published post-conference.

REGISTRATION

For authors of accepted presentations/posters, the **PhD Forum registration fee is 100 EUR** and it includes: 1) PhD Forum participation; 2) Book of Abstracts (electronic version); 3) access to other SoftCOM 2025 conference sessions; 4) coffee breaks and luncheon on the day of the PhD Forum.