

## **2024 Conf-IRM Doctoral Consortium: Call for Papers**

### **What is Conf-IRM**

The International Conference on Information Resources Management (Conf-IRM) is an AIS-affiliated conference for information systems academics and practitioners that is held annually each year during the month of May. The 2024 Conf-IRM conference will be held the American University in Cairo's New Cairo Campus in Cairo, Egypt on **26-28 May 2024**.

For more information on Conf-IRM and to access the conference proceedings from previous years, please visit <https://aisel.aisnet.org/conf-irm/>

### **Doctoral Consortium**

The 2024 International Conference on Information Resources Management (Conf-IRM) Doctoral Consortium will be held on **Tuesday, 28 May 2024**.

The Conf-IRM Doctoral Consortium is meant to support students who are working on their thesis by providing feedback from senior researchers and network with fellow PhD students who are also working on their dissertations. The doctoral consortium will not only help in further developing their thesis, but also give them insight into research and career possibilities in academia, how to maintain work-life-balance, and other aspects of academic life.

Doctoral students from all AIS regions are welcome to apply. The language of the Consortium is English.

### **Program**

The Conf-IRM 2024 Doctoral Consortium will include research sessions, discussion sessions, short one-on-one meetings with mentors, and social gatherings/networking sessions for all participants. Research sessions will include short presentations of the different PhD topics by each participant, feedback from the audience (including mentors) and further discussion. The discussion sessions will address topics related to research, thesis writing, publishing papers, and academic careers.

### **Important Dates**

- Applications Submission Deadline: 10 March 2024
- Notification of Acceptance: 03 April 2024
- Registration Deadline: 10 April 2024  
*(Note: Accepted nominees must register by the conference early bird registration date to confirm their place in the Consortium)*
- Doctoral Consortium: 28 May 2024

### **Eligibility**

PhD students wishing to participate in the Conf-IRM 2024 Doctoral Consortium should:

1. Be currently enrolled in a PhD or Doctoral Program
2. Be writing a thesis in Information Systems (or related discipline) and plan to address an Information Systems-related topic for their dissertation.
3. Have progressed to the stage where a draft research proposal for the thesis has been developed. Ideally, they should also have chosen a theoretical approach and started to plan or be implementing the empirical aspects of their research.
4. Have at least six months of work remaining for their PhD thesis at the time of the consortium.

If you are unsure of your eligibility for the Doctoral Consortium, please contact one of the co-chairs.

## **Guidelines for Nominations**

The Conf-IRM 2024 Doctoral Consortium welcomes submissions that reflect the diversity in information systems research, including diversity in research topics, theoretical perspectives, and research methodologies.

Students must be nominated by an IS faculty member. The nomination cover letter should confirm the school's support for the student, and the student must confirm their availability to attend the full Consortium.

More than one nomination may be submitted from a single institution. However, in such case, the multiple submissions must be ranked by the submitting institution.

## **Submission Process**

Please submit your Doctoral Consortium application via the Conf-IRM 2024 submission system:

<https://edas.info/login.php>

Your application should include:

- **Research proposal:** This is limited to 10 pages, double-spaced 12-point Times New Roman font, excluding title, abstract, references and appendices.

Your proposal should include:

- Research question and research background/motivation for the study (including research gap, expected contribution, etc.)
  - A brief literature review including an overview of the theoretical framework guiding the study, research model and hypotheses (if relevant)
  - An overview of the research design
  - Summary of findings to date (if relevant)
  - An appendix listing the key steps remaining to complete the thesis, including estimated timeline for these activities
  - An appendix outlining 3-4 challenges that you would like to address at the doctoral consortium (limit to 1-page)
- A letter of recommendation from thesis advisor
  - Brief Curriculum vitae of student (max.1 page), including educational background, work experience, publications to date (if any), previous doctoral consortia attended, and future career aspirations.

The application must be submitted as a single pdf-file via the Conf-IRM 2024 submission system. Nomination letters should be sent separately by email to the co-chairs.

## **Contacts**

Please contact the Consortium Co-chairs with any questions:

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