

Conference on Information Resources Management (Conf-IRM)

Doctoral Consortium (2026)

The 2026 International Conference on Information Resources Management (Conf-IRM) Doctoral Consortium invites submissions from doctoral students in the field of information systems (or a related discipline) who are currently in their dissertation stage. The Doctoral Consortium will be held on **Monday, May 25th, 2026** in Tallinn, Estonia, in concert with the Conf-IRM International Conference, scheduled for May 25-27, 2026. Conf-IRM is an AIS-affiliated conference, and more information on this conference can be obtained from <https://ebs.ee/en/Conf-IRM2026>.

The Conf-IRM Doctoral Consortium is meant to support students who are working on their doctoral thesis and seek feedback from senior researchers in the field. It will include research presentations by doctoral students with feedback from mentors, panel discussions on issues such as publishing your Ph.D. thesis and building an academic career, opportunities to interact with and learn from leading scholars in the field and your peers from other universities, and social gatherings/networking sessions for all participants. Students from any AIS region are welcome to apply. However, all student participants must be nominated by an information systems faculty member at their university. The language of the consortium will be English.

Eligibility

Ph.D. students wishing to participate in the Conf-IRM 2026 Doctoral Consortium should:

1. Be currently enrolled in a Ph.D. or a doctoral program in information systems (or a related discipline).
2. Have at least six months of work remaining in their Ph.D. program at the time of the consortium.
3. Have progressed to a stage where a draft research proposal for their 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.

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

Guidelines for Nominations

Students must be nominated by a faculty member in their university. 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. A single institution may submit more than one nomination.

Submission Process

Doctoral Consortium applications must include:

- **Extended Abstract** of your dissertation, limited to 2 pages, single-spaced 12-point Times New Roman font, excluding references. It must include the following:

- Research motivation, research questions, and expected contributions.
- A brief literature review, which may include a brief overview of the theoretical framework guiding the study, research model, and/or hypotheses (if relevant).
- An overview of the research design.
- Summary of findings to date (if available).
- **Letter of application** (maximum 2 pages) including your reason for participation, your current status in your program, steps remaining, and timeline to complete the thesis, and 2-3 thesis-related suggestions or feedback that you would like to receive at the Doctoral Consortium.
- **Letter of nomination** from your thesis advisor or faculty, describing why you should be included in the Doctoral Consortium.
- **Curriculum vitae** (max 2 pages), including educational background, work experience, and publications to date (if any).

The extended abstract, letter or nomination, and CV must be submitted as a single pdf-file at the Conf-IRM 2026 EDAS submission system: <https://edas.info/newPaper.php?c=34374> in Track 12 (Doctoral Consortium). Details on creating an EDAS account and submitting papers is available at <https://edas.info/doc/authors.html>. Nomination letters from faculty should be sent separately by email to the co-chairs.

Important Dates

- Submission Deadline: **January 11, 2026** **Extended: February 15, 2026**
- Notification of Acceptance: **March 15, 2026**
- Final Submission of Print-Ready Copy: **March 25, 2026**
- Early Registration Deadline: **April 12, 2026**
(Note: Accepted nominees must register by the conference's early bird registration date to confirm their place in the Consortium)
- Doctoral Consortium: **May 25, 2026**

Contacts

Please contact the Doctoral Consortium Co-chairs with any questions.

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