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CALL FOR PhD FORUM

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The ICISS PhD Forum provides an opportunity for PhD students and Masters (by research) students to present their ongoing research, receive constructive feedback from experts, and interact with established researchers in information systems security. The forum is designed to support research development, networking, and future collaboration opportunities.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
October 2, 2026

NOTIFICATION
October 10, 2026

CAMERA-READY
October 20, 2026

Who Should Submit?

The PhD Forum welcomes **currently enrolled PhD students and Masters (by research) students** working in information systems security and related areas. Two submission categories are available:

EARLY-STAGE PhD / Masters (by research)	LATER-STAGE PhD / Masters (by research)
• Problem being considered • Relevance and impact • Potential approaches • Extended abstract: 4 pages • Presentation: 5 minutes	• Problem statement • Identified gaps and novelty • Methodology and early results • Extended abstract: 8 pages • Presentation: 10 minutes

Poster requirement: 48 in × 60 in for both categories.

Submission Guidelines

Step 1 — Initial submission: Submit an extended abstract only (no poster) under the PhD Forum track. The submission must follow the Springer LNCS format and be uploaded as a single PDF file. The submission does not need to be blinded.

Step 2 — After acceptance: Prepare a camera-ready version of the extended abstract incorporating reviewer suggestions. Also prepare a draft poster; authors may continue improving the poster until the conference.

— **Camera-ready upload:** Upload two PDF files: (1) the camera-ready extended abstract and (2) the draft poster.

Step 3 — Support request: After uploading the camera-ready files, request registration-fee exemption and the applicable travel grant from the PhD Forum Chair.

Benefits for Accepted PhD Forum Authors

- Accepted PhD Forum papers will be published as a Technical Report by Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI).
- Complimentary conference registration** is provided to student authors of accepted PhD Forum papers — **registration fees are waived in full.**
- Travel grant provided:** 3AC train fare or domestic economy airfare, whichever is lower.
- Accommodation: hostel / guest-house accommodation, subject to availability and first-come, first-served basis.
- Opportunity to display the poster throughout the conference to maximise interaction with conference attendees.
- An opportunity to receive expert feedback and build connections with established international researchers.
- Access to ICISS-2026's **excellent line-up of keynotes and tutorials by leading experts in the field** — a valuable boost to your research career.
- Potential networking opportunities for research collaboration, internships and post-doctoral fellowships.

Presentation Format

CATEGORY	PRESENTATION	POSTER
Early-stage	5 minutes	48 in × 60 in
Later-stage	10 minutes	48 in × 60 in

Important Information

- All deadlines are specified in Anywhere on Earth (AoE).
- The PhD Forum is intended for ongoing / work-in-progress research.
- The poster submitted at the camera-ready stage is a draft and may be improved until the conference starts.
- Travel, accommodation and registration support are subject to the conditions stated in the official ICISS PhD Forum call.

SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH TO THE ICISS-2026 PhD FORUM

Submission portal and official CFP: <https://iciss.in/call-for-phd-forum/>

PhD Forum Co-Chairs

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