

PhD Forum 2026

Call for Submissions



20-22 April 2026 | Verona, Italy

The PhD Forum is a **poster session** hosted by the European Design Automation Association (EDAA), the ACM Special Interest Group on Design Automation (SIGDA), and the IEEE Council on Electronic Design Automation (CEDA). The forum is an excellent opportunity for PhD students who have completed their PhD thesis within the last 12 months or who are close to completing their thesis to present their work to and discuss it with a broad audience in the system design and design automation community from both industry and academia. The forum may also help students to establish contacts for entering the job market. In addition, representatives from industry and academia get a glance of the state-of-the-art in system design and design automation.

Important dates

Submission deadline: Sunday, 30 November 2025 AoE

Notification of acceptance: Thursday, 15 January 2026 AoE

Presentation at DATE: Monday, 20 April 2026



Eligibility

The following two classes of students are eligible: 1) Students who have finished their PhD thesis within the last 12 months, and 2) Students who are close to completing their thesis work.

Benefits

- A poster presentation at the PhD Forum with the possibility to distribute flyers summarizing the PhD work
- Contacts with professionals from industry and academia (also thanks to the YPP activities)

Submission

Submit the following material to the DATE online submission system:

- An extended abstract (with name, affiliation, advisor's name, and a list of the most relevant publications authored by the contributor) describing the novelties and advantages of the thesis work following the given template: <https://www.overleaf.com/latex/templates/date-phd-forum-template/qgwjbcxztgv>. Such an extended abstract must be limited to two pages (excluding references).

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EDAA is a nonprofit association. Its purpose is to operate for educational, scientific and technical purposes for the benefit of the international electronics design and design automation community. The Association, in the field of design and design automation of electronic circuits and systems, promotes a series of high quality technical international conferences and workshops across Europe and cooperates actively to maintain harmonious relationships with other national and international technical societies and groups promoting the purpose of the Association. EDAA is the main sponsor of DATE, the premier Design, Automation and Test Conference and Exhibition in Europe.

<https://www.edaa.com>

The ACM Special Interest Group on Design Automation is organised and operated exclusively for educational, scientific, and technical purposes in design automation. The mission of SIGDA and its activities includes collecting and disseminating information in design automation through a newsletter and other publications; organising sessions at conferences of the ACM; sponsoring conferences, symposia, and workshops; organising projects and working groups for education, research, and development; serving as a source of technical information for the Council and subunits of the ACM; and representing the opinions and expertise of the members-hip on matters of technical interest to SIGDA or ACM.

<https://www.sigda.org>



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<https://ieee-ceda.org/>

Young People Programme (YPP)

If you are interested in the DATE 2026 PhD Forum, also the Young People Programme (YPP) will be of interest for you! This provides a set of initiatives targeting PhD students, with the goal of increasing their visibility, establishing contacts, and encouraging discussion about their future perspectives with experts in the field.

For more information, please visit <https://www.date-conference.com/call-for-papers#ypp>

