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## Call for RE@Next! Papers

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### Key Dates

Abstract Submission    Friday, March 9, 2018  
Paper Submission        Friday, March 16, 2018  
Paper Notification      Thursday, May 31, 2018  
Camera Ready Due       Friday, June 29, 2018

All deadlines are 23:59 Anywhere on Earth  
(Standard Time).

The 26th IEEE International Requirements Engineering Conference (RE'18) will host a special track devoted to the presentation of work currently being carried out by RE researchers around the world. We look for short communications (4 to 6 pages) that describe the current status of ongoing research. The goal of the RE@Next! track is to provide a venue to present your work to academic colleagues and potential industry partners and to receive early feedback.

A good RE@Next! contribution will

- provide in succinct form the information that you would convey in a seminar about your ongoing research work to a fellow academic visiting your department;
- present the long-term directions and prospects of your research endeavors;
- serve as a trigger for establishing new collaborations with like-minded colleagues;
- lead to a full research paper, to be submitted to next year's RE conference.

### Evaluation Procedure and Guidance to Authors

RE@Next! contributions will be rigorously reviewed by the RE@Next! Program Committee, following the double-blind review format. Evaluation criteria include clarity of the submission, expected interest to the conference attendees, also based on the conference theme "Crossing Boundaries and Increasing Impact", and novelty and feasibility of the idea. Feasibility, for example, can be demonstrated by a sound, convincing review of well-established prior work, by a pilot study based on a reasonably sophisticated example problem, or by early results from an exploratory qualitative or quantitative study.

Please note that submissions do not need to include a full literature survey (but some pointers should be given where appropriate), and they are not expected to provide final results with a full validation or evaluation. The purpose of the RE@Next! track is to discuss emerging research and provide authors with early feedback to help them in the next steps towards a future submission to RE the following year. Hence, the primary interest of RE@Next! is in timely sharing of current research work and prospects. Papers just containing a research proposal will not be considered.

### Submission Instructions

In order to guide the reviewing process, all authors who intend to submit a paper must first submit the title, abstract (max. 200 words) and author information of their paper. Abstracts are used only to point out your interest to submit a paper and to allow the track co-chairs to initiate the search for possible reviewers early in time.

Contributions must describe original work that has not been previously published or is currently submitted for publication elsewhere. Submissions must be written in English and formatted according to the IEEE formatting instructions.

## Submission Link

Please submit your RE@Next! papers in PDF format via EasyChair.

Go to <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=re18>. Login and select "enter as an author". Then select the RE'18 RE@Next! Track for your submission.

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Papers must not exceed 6 pages, including references. Papers that exceed the page limit or are not formatted correctly will be rejected without review. It is acceptable to reference additional content (i.e., data repositories, source code for open source tools, full protocols of empirical studies, etc.) by providing a corresponding URL hosted on an institutional, archive-grade site.

Please note that abstract-only submissions will not be reviewed. Such submissions will be discarded without further notice after the paper submission deadline.

The 2018 RE@Next! track will use a double-blind reviewing process. The goal of double-blind reviewing is to ensure that the reviewers can read and review your paper without having to know who any of the authors are. It is not about making the authors' identity undiscoverable.

In order to prepare your submission for double-blind reviewing, please follow the instructions given below.

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