Template for Extended Abstracts for Doctoral Symposium at RecSys 2025

This document provides an outline you can use to organize your doctoral symposium submission to make sure you include everything needed. Note that your submission must still be in ACM format — this is just an outline.

Pay attention to the evaluation criteria throughout:

- Originality of the work with respect to current concepts and techniques (provide relevant citations).
- Importance of the work with respect to fundamental issues in recommender systems (clearly identify the problems you are trying to solve).
- Rigor and validity of claims, argumentation, methodology, results, and interpretations.
- Clarity and persuasiveness of expression.

Title Block

Title of the work:

Name of the PhD student:

Affiliation:

Abstract:

Main Paper

Degree Progress and Program Benefit

This section is required for submission and review, but should be omitted from the final published version if your submission is accepted. It does not count towards the page limit, and can be on a separate page before your extended abstract if you prefer.

- What is your stage in your Ph.D.?
- How do you expect to benefit from participation in the doctoral symposium? (This is where you put your one-paragraph statement of expected benefits of participation, including questions regarding your dissertation that you would like to ask your symposium mentors; we recommend labeling that paragraph "Expected Benefits of Participation".)

- Are there specific questions about your research plan that you would like addressed through mentor feedback, or specific types of feedback you are looking for?

Introduction

- What are the key question(s) you look to address, or hypotheses you are testing?
- Why is this work important? (What is the fundamental problem you are trying to solve, and why does it matter to recommender systems and their users or other stakeholders?)
- What are the main expected contributions (in brief)?

Related Work

- What are the most similar studies, or the ones on which your work most directly builds?
- What distinguishes your proposed work from past research? (What makes it a novel and original contribution to recommender systems?)

Methods

- What research and experimental methods are you using? May include:
    - Datasets
    - Evaluation protocols and metrics
    - Human subjects research designs
- If proposing new systems, models, or interfaces, what are the key ideas?
- What is the justification for each of the things above? I.e., why did you select these methods, data sets, etc., and why are they appropriate to addressing your research questions or goals?

Progress and Results

- What is the status of the proposed work? Which parts have been completed, which are in progress, and which remain? A table can be useful to summarize this.
- For completed or in-progress work, briefly summarize the results so far, and cite the published papers (where available).
- What are the major papers or paper-sized pieces of research you anticipate coming from this work?

Acknowledgements and References

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