

UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA
DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

COS 700 Research Methods
Research Proposal Requirements

We will be using a proper conference review system for the submission and review of COS700 research proposals.

Requirements

Write a full research proposal for your COS700 research project using the guidelines presented in lectures.

Very important:

- You must not include your name on your research proposal.
- You must include your student number on the cover of your research proposal.
- Your project proposal will be anonymously peer reviewed by 3 other students in the COS700 class.
- You can only submit a pdf file of your research proposal.

Submission details

The due date for the Research Proposal is ~~15 April 2015~~, extended to Monday 27 April. The conference submission system will not accept submissions after this date. You can re-submit as many times as you like before the cut-off.

Submit your proposal by following the instructions below:

1. Go to the submission website:
<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=upcos7002015>
2. Click on “create an account”
3. Follow the instructions until your account has been created. (Please enter in your name and surname as on the student system, so that I can link your submission to you)
4. Go back to the site above and log in using your new account username and password.
5. Once you are logged in, you should see information on the “conference” UP COS700 2015.
6. Click on “New Submission”
7. Agree to the Terms of Service and click “Continue”.
8. Click on “New Submission” again.
9. Fill in all the information and submit your proposal.

Note: If your paper was received by the system, you will receive a confirmation email of the submission. Keep this for your records. You can update your file any time before the due date.

Assessment

After submission of your project proposal, you will be required to peer review three other COS700 research proposals. Detailed information on the review process will be given to you after the 15 April.

Your mark will be calculated using the following weights:

Component of assessment	Description	Mark allocated
Peer review of three proposals (20 marks each)	Each review that you complete will be awarded a mark based on how good the review is. You will be given more information regarding this assessment later (including the details of what will be regarded as a good review).	20
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Your proposal	You will be awarded a mark for the proposal that you have written. This mark will be the average mark awarded by the reviewers with the two best marks. This means that the mark of the review that achieves the lowest mark (in terms of the quality of the review) will be ignored in determining your proposal mark.	40
Total		100