
International PhD Conference

Organized by the University of Rijeka and the University of Klagenfurt

November 13 – 14 2026
University of Rijeka, Campus

Call for Abstracts

The University of Rijeka and the University of Klagenfurt cordially invite doctoral candidates to participate in the International PhD Conference, which will take place at the **University of Rijeka on 13 – 14 November 2026**.

The conference will focus on **Dual-Use Technologies and Artificial Intelligence**.

Doctoral candidates are invited to present their research through oral or poster presentations and to exchange ideas, experiences and perspectives with fellow doctoral researchers and established researchers from the participating universities.

The call is open to doctoral candidates from all disciplines whose research is relevant to the conference theme.

Submission Requirements

Applicants are kindly requested to submit the following information:

- Presentation title
- Author(s)' name(s)
- E-mail address
- University and doctoral programme
- Abstract (maximum 500 words)
- Preferred presentation format: oral or poster

Oral presentations should last between 10 and 15 minutes and will be followed by a discussion session. Poster presentations will be presented during a dedicated poster session.

The abstract should briefly describe the research topic and its relevance, the research question(s) or objectives, the research design and/or methodology, the main or preliminary findings or expected results, and the contribution of the research to the conference theme.

The working language of the conference is English.

Selection Procedure

A total of 24 doctoral candidates will be selected to give oral presentations, based on the quality and relevance of their submitted proposals. At least six candidates from the University of Rijeka and at least six candidates from the University of Klagenfurt will be selected to participate in the conference. The remaining places will be allocated based on the quality and relevance of the submitted proposals.

There is no limit on the number of poster presentations. Doctoral candidates whose proposals are not selected for oral presentations may be invited to present their research in poster format, subject to the relevance and quality of their submitted proposals.

Proposals will be assessed according to the relevance of the research to the conference theme, clarity of the research question(s) and objectives, quality of the research design and/or methodology, originality and potential contribution, and overall quality of the abstract.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection process by 5 October 2026.

Costs and Accommodation

There is **no participation fee** for selected doctoral researchers.

Accommodation for up to six selected doctoral candidates from the University of Klagenfurt will be provided by the University of Rijeka.

Travel expenses will be covered by the participants' home universities.

Key Dates

18 September 2026 – Deadline for abstract submission

5 October 2026 – Notification of acceptance

13 – 14 November 2026 – International PhD Conference, University of Rijeka

Submission

Please submit your proposal using the following form: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/sFgTTL6zJr>

For any questions, please contact: doktorska@uniri.hr

We encourage doctoral candidates to take this opportunity to present their research, receive feedback, exchange ideas with fellow researchers and build new academic connections.

The conference aims to provide an open and collaborative environment for doctoral researchers to discuss emerging research, explore interdisciplinary perspectives, receive feedback, and develop new opportunities for academic cooperation between the University of Rijeka and the University of Klagenfurt.