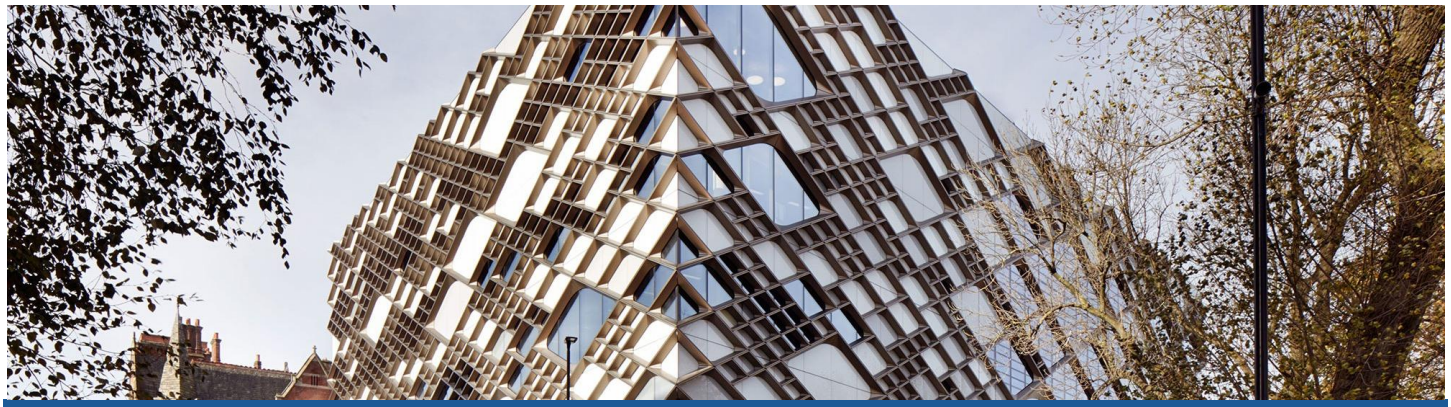
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CALL FOR PhD THESIS COMPETITION

PST 2027 invites recent PhD graduates and soon-to-graduate PhD students to submit to the PhD Thesis Competition. The aim of this competition is to highlight theses which are advancing the state of the art or otherwise significantly contributing to research in the areas of privacy, security, and trust.

Submissions are invited from any of the following areas:

Privacy

e.g., system security, cryptography, network defense, hardware security, intrusion detection, trustworthy computing architectures.

Security

e.g., privacy-enhancing technologies, anonymity, data protection, privacy-preserving machine learning, regulatory compliance.

Trust

e.g., trust models, identity management, decentralized architectures, reputation systems, and trustworthy human-AI interaction.

Emerging Technologies

e.g., new technologies in the PST space, emerging problems, forward looking research.

ELIGIBILITY

Current PhD students defending their thesis no later than 1st of August 2027 and PhD graduates who completed after 31st of July 2025 are eligible for the competition.

FORMAT & SUBMISSION

Participants must submit a **3 page PDF** consisting of a **1-page cover letter** and a **2-page extended abstract**. Images may be included but must fit within the length limit. The review process will be **double blind** so all names, affiliations, and identifying information must be removed. Participants whose submissions are accepted will be invited to give a short presentation on their thesis at PST 2027 to decide the winner and runner-up awards.

The cover letter should include:

- Date of graduation/intended date.
- Number and venue of published papers on thesis topic (this should not include names, paper titles, or conference year to avoid harming the blind review).
- Number of papers on which you were first author or sole corresponding author.

The extended abstract should explain the problem area, objectives of your research, novelty, and approach taken. Make sure to explain how your work is unique, and how it advances the state of the art.

Please submit as a single PDF file via EasyChair, choosing the Thesis Competition track:
https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=pst2027

IMPORTANT DATES

Thesis Competition Submission Deadline: 20 April 2027 **Acceptance Notification:** 20 May 2027

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