



## 38th Babson College Entrepreneurship Research Conference (BCERC)

### Doctoral Consortium Program

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**Irish Network for Teachers and Researchers of Entrepreneurship (INTRE), in  
Waterford, Ireland, June 6-9, 2018**

**Doctoral Consortium Application Submission Deadline: December 6, 2017**

## DOCTORAL CONSORTIUM

### OBJECTIVES

The annual entrepreneurship Doctoral Consortium will provide 25 doctoral students intending to pursue research and teaching careers with the opportunity to:

- Gain insight into current research issues and methodologies in entrepreneurship through intense interaction with the consortium faculty.
- Meet leading research scholars in the entrepreneurship field and examine and discuss their latest endeavors.
- Meet and share strategies, challenges and experiences with other participants.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

Applicants should be currently enrolled in a program of doctoral studies with a concentration in entrepreneurship. Applicants will be evaluated based on their academic achievements, including publications and conference presentations. Preference will be given to those who are in the process of formulating a dissertation proposal or who will be doing so in 2018. When applying, students should be aware that they will be invited to attend only one BCERC Doctoral Consortium during their doctoral studies. We welcome applications from all countries. The Consortium will be conducted in English.

## PROGRAM

Participants are required to attend the complete conference, as well as both sessions of the Doctoral Consortium.

The Doctoral Consortium begins on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. and concludes on Saturday afternoon, June 9, 2018. The research conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 7, and concludes on Saturday, June 9, around noon.

The pre-conference sessions will emphasize a discussion of research in entrepreneurship and the interests of the doctoral student participants. The post-conference sessions will discuss research in entrepreneurship drawn from their experiences at the Conference.

### FEES, EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Doctoral Consortium Participants will be responsible for their own travel and incidental expenses. Babson College will provide a significantly discounted conference registration fee for the 25 best qualified applicants (projected to be \$700.00 discount meaning a conference fee of \$100.00). The conference registration fee includes the following: lunches and refreshment breaks during the consortium and conference, Wednesday and Thursday evening receptions, and the Friday evening reception and dinner.

Failure to attend the conference and all sessions of the Doctoral Consortium will result in withdrawal of the grant.

Additionally, you will be required to pay the full \$800.00 conference registration fee. Doctoral Consortium participants will receive all materials distributed to conference attendees.

### HOW TO APPLY

There is no formal application form. Applications are to be submitted electronically on the BCERC website at [www.bcerc.com](http://www.bcerc.com). The deadline is: December 6, 2017. If you do not have a password please click on the BCERC membership link to enter your contact information and generate a password.

An application consists of the following three documents:

1. A letter (no more than 1 page in length) requesting admission to the Doctoral Consortium. The letter of application should describe the applicant's qualifications, academic achievements (e.g. publications, presentations, etc.), research interests, and the present and planned topic/progress in the doctoral studies program so that we can schedule discussions with appropriate experienced scholars.
2. An up-to-date resume.
3. A statement from the Dean or an equivalent university official indicating that the applicant is a student in good standing in a doctoral program.

### Note:

Doctoral candidates who are authors or co-authors of an accepted abstract do NOT automatically qualify for the Doctoral Consortium, but must apply for admission, as stated above. Applications will be considered only when all THREE required documents are received electronically via the BCERC website. Applicants will be notified at the end of January 2018.