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# BTW 2025 Early Career Researcher Workshop

## Message from the Chairs

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We are pleased to organize the BTW 2025 Early Career Researcher Workshop (ECR) as a unique platform dedicated to fostering the next generation of database and information systems researchers. This workshop augments the main conference of BTW 2025 by specifically targeting students, young professionals, and early PhD candidates.

The workshop provides an opportunity to discuss career options in research, training on presentation of research ideas, and have first experience in participating in an academic conference within the database community at the most important database conference in the German-speaking area. This workshop further provides valuable room for gaining first scientific conference experience by presenting research ideas, receiving feedback, and networking with peers. This program helps the participants to have a higher degree of interaction with experts in databases and information systems and also gives an opportunity to find potential PhD supervisors, explore different career paths in BTW-related fields and get research guidance as an early PhD candidate.

**Target Group and Selection** We selected 25 applicants out of 35 strong applications using our selection criteria of best fit to the target group, current degree programme, research interests and diversity. Out of the 25 participants, we focus on three groups, (i) Graduate Students: MSc students who may consider a PhD in databases or computer science related topics will be able to meet potential supervisors, and explore research opportunities, (ii) Early PhD Candidates: Students who are in their early stage of PhD will be able to present early-stage research for feedback and gain insights to advance their PhD, (iii) Working Professionals: Participants who are already working in industry and considering moving back to academia will be able to discuss their career options and might find research topics along with potential supervisors.

**Program Details** On the workshop day, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2025, the program starts by giving a brief introduction about different pathways of pursuing a PhD, continued by an elevator

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pitch training session on "How to pitch your research idea" by Dr. Claudia Lopez Camara. Following this, we moderate a panel with a set of panelists from different career stages (early to senior) and diverse background of both academia and industry with a focus on the theme "how to get most out of a conference & career opportunities". In order to achieve a high degree of interaction and collaboration among the participants, they prepare posters on their learning throughout the training sessions and panel discussion. On top of the ECR workshop, we provide participation in BTW workshops (March 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday) and the BTW conference (March 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> ; Wednesday-Friday), including the conference dinner. To note down achievements, we also present an achievement card which the participants will be able to showcase during the conference dinner (6<sup>th</sup> March, 2025). The ECR workshop concludes with a shared lunch following the closing keynote, serving as a retrospective session where participants can reflect on their first conference experience and celebrate their achievements.

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