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Focusing Information Systems Post-Graduate Research Projects

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Abstract

This paper reports on an investigation of mechanisms that assist Information Systems post-graduate research students to focus their projects.
An evaluation is presented of the experiences of Information Systems research students in focussing their research projects based on a survey conducted of students who participated in two of the first three Information Systems doctoral consortia to be held in Australia. The survey sought to determine whether a doctoral consortium or 'systematic expert review' is the most valuable mechanism for focussing a research proposal.
Systematic expert review was considered by the students to be more effective than the doctoral consortium process for the purpose of focussing their research project proposals.

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