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Call for Submissions

Undergraduate Research Poster Competition
2009 ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data

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This year's SIGMOD conference will give undergraduate students an opportunity to showcase their research accomplishments in a poster competition. Several students will be selected to attend the conference and present posters to other attendees of SIGMOD/PODS 2009. For each invited student, a travel stipend will be provided to defray conference attendance costs (registration fee, travel, lodging, etc). The amount of the travel stipend will be announced closer to the submission deadline. A "best poster" winner will be selected by the competition co-chairs and announced at the SIGMOD 2009 awards session.

Undergraduate students who have played a key role in a research project are invited to submit an abstract to the poster competition. Any research projects broadly related to data management are within the scope of the competition (for a list of sample areas of interest, see the SIGMOD call for papers at www.sigmod09.org/calls_papers_sigmod_research.shtml). Based on the abstracts, the competition co-chairs will invite several students to present posters at the SIGMOD/PODS conference. For the purposes of this competition, a student is considered an undergraduate student if he/she has not yet obtained a BS (or equivalent) degree or has obtained that degree on or after December 2008, and he/she is not enrolled in a graduate program at the time of submission. If the applicant's school system is "non-traditional", and the applicant considers him/herself eligible, then the competition co-chairs should be contacted before an abstract is submitted.

Submission Guidelines:

In order to submit an abstract to the research poster competition, students must send an email to the competition co-chairs by **Friday, April 3, 2009, 5pm PST**. The subject of the email must be "<candidate's full name> `SIGMOD UNDERGRADUATE POSTER COMPETITION`".

The following information must be included (not attached) in the email in plain text. No HTML, PDF, Postscript or any other formats will be accepted.

1. Name of department and school, and current academic status, including the number of years until graduation.
2. Name of academic advisor.
3. An abstract of up to 800 words explaining the proposed content of the poster, including:
   a) a clear and concise problem statement,
   b) brief technical overview of the solution,
   c) summary of major results (e.g., "faster than existing solutions by x percent").
4. Description of the role played by the student in the project.

All submissions must be in plain text with the proper subject line as explained above. Any submission that does not satisfy these conditions may be flagged as junk mail and automatically discarded without further notification. Decisions will be emailed by Monday, April 13, 2009; authors of accepted abstracts will receive further instructions at that time. The competition co-chairs reserve the right to reject all submissions.

Note: submissions to the research poster competition are permitted even if the student already has a paper on the same topic that will appear at the SIGMOD/PODS 2009 conference.

Important Dates:

- Submission deadline: Friday, April 3, 2009, 5pm PST
- Notification of results: Monday, April 13, 2009

Comments and questions should be directed to the competition co-chairs.