

Call for Submissions

ACM SIGMOD 2008 Undergraduate Research Poster Competition

SIGMOD/PODS 2008 Conference – June 9-12, 2008, Vancouver, Canada

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This year's SIGMOD conference will give undergraduate students an opportunity to showcase their research accomplishments in a poster competition. Up to five students will be selected to attend the conference and present posters to other attendees of SIGMOD/PODS 2008. For each invited student, up to US\$1000 will be provided to defray conference attendance costs (registration fee, travel, lodging, etc). A "best poster" winner will be selected by the competition chair and announced at the SIGMOD 2008 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: http://www.sigmod08.org/sigmod_call_papers.shtml).

Based on the abstracts, the competition chair will choose up to five students to invite to the SIGMOD/PODS conference and present posters. 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 2007, 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 chair 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 chair (lgolab@research.att.com) by **Friday, April 4, 2008, 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 14, 2008; authors of accepted abstracts will receive further instructions at that time. The competition chair reserves 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 due to appear at the SIGMOD/PODS 2008 conference.

Important Dates

- Submission deadline: Friday, April 4, 2008, 5pm PST
- Notification of results: Monday, April 14, 2008

Comments and questions should be directed to the competition chair at lgolab@research.att.com