

Call for Doctoral Forum Participants and Student Travel Fellowships

SIAM Conference on Data Mining (SDM 2010)

The SIAM Conference on Data Mining (SDM 2010) is pleased to announce the availability of a limited number of student travel scholarships to cover the registration and travel expenses for students participating in SDM 2010 ("local" students who live within 30 miles of the conference venue will receive only registration expenses) for:

Student authors of papers that have been accepted for presentation at SDM 2010
Participants in a planned Doctoral Forum (distinct from the poster session based on papers accepted for inclusion in the proceedings of SDM 2010). Preference will be given to students who have advanced to Ph.D. candidacy.

This year's Doctoral Forum will build on the success of last year's. It will provide an opportunity for Ph.D. students working on topics related to data mining and knowledge discovery to discuss and receive feedback on their research from peers and senior practitioners in the field. The doctoral forum will be an integrated part of the SDM program, and will provide a constructive atmosphere for these students.

Special consideration will be given to attendees who are women or members of minority groups that are currently under-represented in the Computer Science research community. Applications should include:

Completed Application form
A letter of recommendation from the student's Ph.D. advisor, verifying the student status of the applicant, date of advance to Ph.D. candidacy, and the expected date of thesis defense or graduation.

In addition, students who wish to participate in the Doctoral Forum must include a 1-2 page abstract summarizing their dissertation research with their application.

The abstract must include:

Problem description, background, and significance
Novelty relative to the state of the art (related work and their shortcomings)
Approach, data, methods
Results obtained and work in progress

The application form is available at:

<http://www.cs.gmu.edu/~carlotta/announcements/SDM10application.doc>

Completed applications must be received by March 15, 2010 to ensure full consideration (detailed instructions are provided on the application form). Selected applicants will be notified by March 31, 2010.