2012 SIAM Data Mining Conference
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Call for Doctoral Student Forum Participants and Student Travel Scholarship Applications

The SIAM Conference on Data Mining (SDM 2012) 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 2012 for:
• Student authors of papers that have been accepted for presentation at SDM 2012
• Participants in the SDM Doctoral Forum

This year's Doctoral Forum will build on the success of the previous Forums. 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 integral 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 underrepresented in the Computer Science research community.

The Doctoral Forum will be a special poster session that is outside the SDM conference oral presentation and poster sessions. Students who have a paper (either a talk or a poster) in the main conference should present work that is distinct from the work included in the Proceedings of the SDM conference. Preference will be given to students who have advanced to Ph.D. candidacy. For both the travel scholarships and the Doctoral Forum, local students who live within 30 miles of the conference venue will receive only registration expenses.

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:

Application documents should be sent by email to yanliu.cs@usc.edu.

Completed applications must be received by February 27, 2012 to ensure full consideration (detailed instructions are provided on the application form).

Selected applicants will be notified by March 27, 2012.