Call for
Doctoral Student Forum Participants and
Student Travel Scholarship Applications

The SIAM Conference on Data Mining (SDM 2014) 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 2014 for:

- • Student authors of papers that have been accepted for presentation at SDM 2014

- • Participants in the SDM Doctoral Forum

Important Dates and Details. Completed applications must be received by January 29, 2014 to ensure full consideration. Application documents should be sent by email to vucetic@temple.edu. Selected applicants will be notified by February 28, 2014. For the travel scholarships, local students who live within 30 miles of the conference venue can receive only registration expenses.

Application Package should include:

– Completed Application form available at

http://www.dabi.temple.edu/SDM14-PhDForum/application.doc
http://www.dabi.temple.edu/SDM14-PhDForum/application.pdf

– A 1-page letter of recommendation from the student's Ph.D. advisor, verifying the student status of the applicant, the expected date of thesis defense or graduation, and explaining why the student is deserving of travel award.

– In addition, students who wish to participate in the Doctoral Forum (regardless of having a paper in the main conference) 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.

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 collocated with the SDM conference oral presentation and poster sessions. Students who have a paper (either a talk or a poster) in the main conference and wish to have a poster at the Doctoral Forum should present work that is distinct from the work included in the Proceedings of the SDM conference.

In selection of the Doctoral Forum participants, preference will be given to students who did significant work towards their thesis.