

SIGCOMM News

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SIGCOMM GEODIVERSITY TRAVEL GRANTS

ACM SIGCOMM has created a travel grant to increase the geographic diversity of its flagship "Sigcomm Data Communications Festival". The grant sponsors selected attendees in their early career (at most five years of full-time, full-level [non-postdoc] post-PhD employment) from under-represented countries based on need, distance to the conference venue, and impact of their attendance in increasing the diversity of conference participation. The grant covers travel, lodging, and registration to the main Sigcomm conference.

The committee strongly prefers applicants who are not paper authors (the committee believes that authors' home organizations should cover costs for authors). Poster authors, however, are encouraged to apply. Other criteria will include evidence of a serious interest in networking, as demonstrated by project experience. In most cases, no more than one applicant will be funded from each organization. ACM SIGCOMM encourages participation of women and under-represented minorities.

The program commenced with a \$20,000 USD grant to sponsor attendees to SIGCOMM 2006 in Pisa, Italy. Interested parties are encouraged to submit an application to the current travel grant chairs for Sigcomm 2006.

What is covered?

Support is intended to fully cover travel (economy airfare), registration for the conference, lodging at the conference hotel (four nights), meals, and local transportation. The specific costs will vary for each applicant, and are not expected to exceed \$2500 USD. Reimbursement details will be announced to award recipients.

Who decides?

Applicants are selected by the Sigcomm Travel Grant Committee.

Application Process

An application consists of:

- A. a 2-page application
- B. a supporting letter from the applicant's supervisor
- C. a supporting letter from a colleague

NOTE: the applicant should submit only (A); (B) and (C) should be sent directly from the letter authors

A. Application:

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1. Indicate their affiliation and any other personal information the applicant feels is relevant to support their case.
2. Indicate evidence that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria above.
3. Include a brief summary of research interests and accomplishments to date, including a description of areas reflected in the SIGCOMM 2006 program that would impact the applicant's research.
4. Include their estimated expenses in U.S. dollars for attending the conference (total, and breakdown by conference registration, travel, lodging, and meals).

When computing your estimated budget, please use \$525 USD as the figure for early registration.

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- Provide a short 1-page vita, focusing on current research interests and recent and pending publications.

B. Letter from the applicant's current supervisor (e.g., post-doc supervisor, department chair), sent by the supervisor directly (NOT forwarded by the applicant), which:

- Confirms the applicant's standing at their institution (date started, current job title)
- Indicate current funding status, or explain why the applicant is in need of a travel grant.

C. A separate letter of recommendation from a technical colleague, preferably from a different institution in a different location (i.e., different country), sent by the colleague directly (NOT forwarded by the applicant), which:

- Describes the professional relationship between the applicant and colleague, e.g., discussing their collaboration
- Indicates why the applicant would benefit from attending the conference.
- Elaborate on the strengths and potential contributions of the applicant.

Send application and recommendation letters by e-mail to Travel Grant chairs in English only, formatted as follows:

- ASCII (preferable) 60 lines/page, 80 characters/line limit
- PDF: US letter or A4 pagesize, 12 point, single-spaced, 1" margin

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● **Call for Participation: Workshops on Theory of Networked Computation**

● The emergence of global networks is arguably the most
● profound shift in focus in computer science since its
● inception. During its first 50 years, computer science has
● focused primarily on understanding how best to design,
● build, program, and use a computer. The emergence of
● the Internet and the Worldwide Web represents a radical
● shift of focus in our thinking about computational systems.
● Perhaps the most important distinguishing feature
● of these networks is that they are built, operated, and
● used by multiple parties with diverse sets of interests and
● with constantly changing degrees of cooperation and
● competition. One of the main challenges faced by computer
● science today is to successfully build and manage
● large systems created and used by many autonomous
● organizations and individuals. How can we ensure that
● such a network functions properly, respects the rights of
● individual users, and exploits its vast shared resources
● fully and fairly?

● The computer-science community can help address the
● full spectrum of research questions implicit in this grand
● challenge by developing a coherent Theory of
● Networked Computation (ToNC). Toward this end, we
● will soon hold two NSF-sponsored workshops for the
● purpose of developing a ToNC research agenda. A starting
● point for discussion at these workshops can be found
● in the following Draft ToNC Agenda:

● <http://www.cs.yale.edu/homes/jf/tonc-agenda-draft.pdf>

● A limited number of workshop participants will be chosen
● on the basis of applications from the computer-science
● community. To send an application, please follow the
● instructions below. A “position statement” must be no
● longer than two pages (and may be as short as two
● paragraphs!); it may consist of a critique of something in
● the Draft ToNC Agenda above or of a brief explanation
● of something not mentioned in the draft agenda that you
● believe belongs in the scope of “theory of networked
● computation.” Please use the subject field “ToNC
● Application: Workshop 1” or “ToNC Application:
● Workshop 2,” include your name, email address, and
● phone number in your application, and include your
● position statement either as an inline ascii message or as
● an attachment in WORD or PDF.

● **Workshop 1**

● *Dates:* February 16-17, 2006

● *Location:* Nassau Inn, Princeton NJ

● *Co-chairs:* Joan Feigenbaum (Yale) and Jennifer
● Rexford (Princeton)

● *Application Deadline:* January 11, 2006

● *Notification Date:* January 15, 2006

● Send Applications by E-Mail to: Judi.Paige@yale.edu

Workshop 2

Dates: March 16-17, 2006

Location: International Computer Science Institute
(ICSI), Berkeley CA

Co-chairs: Joan Feigenbaum (Yale) and Scott Shenker
(ICSI and UC Berkeley)

Application Deadline: February 3, 2006

Notification Date: February 10, 2006

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Upcoming deadlines of Conferences and publications
financially supported and planned by SIGCOMM:

Call for Papers -- Internet Measurement Conference 2006 (IMC)

Paper Registration: May 20th, 2006

Submission Deadline: May 26th, 2006

Conference Dates: October 25-27, 2006

Location: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

URL: <http://www.imconf.net/imc-2006/>

Call for Participation -- NSDI 2006

Conference Dates: May 8-10, 2006

Location: San Jose, California, USA

URL: <http://www.usenix.org/events/nsdi06/>

Call for Participation -- SIGCOMM 2006

Conference Dates: Sep 11-15, 2006

Location: Pisa, Italy

URL: <http://www.acm.org/sigs/sigcomm/sigcomm2006>

Upcoming deadlines of Conferences planned in cooperation
with SIGCOMM: (Remember that you, as a SIGCOMM
member, are eligible for the conference “member rate”
even if it’s an IEEE or USENIX conference.)

Call for Papers -- CoNext 2006

Paper Registration: July 1st, 2006

Submission Deadline: July 7th, 2006

Conference Dates: December 4-7, 2006

Location: Lisbon, Portugal

URL: <http://www.adetti.pt/events/CONEXT06/>

Upcoming deadlines of other conferences and journals
related to the data communications area:

Call for Papers -- ICNP 2006

Paper Registration: May 9th, 2006

Submission Deadline: May 16th, 2006

Conference Dates: November 12-15, 2006

Location: Santa Barbara, CA, USA

URL: <http://www.ieee-icnp.org/2006/>

Call for Papers -- IEEE LCN 2006

Submission Deadline: May 12th, 2006
Conference Dates: November 14-17, 2006
Location: Tampa, Florida, USA
URL: <http://www.ieeeln.org>

Call for Participation -- IEEE Infocom 2006

Conference Dates: April 23-29, 2006
Location: Barcelona, Spain
URL: <http://www.ieee-infocom.org/2006>

Call for Participation -- WWW 2006

Conference Dates: May 22-26, 2006
Location: Edinburgh, Scotland
URL: <http://www2006.org>

Call for Participation -- NOSDAV 2006

Conference Dates: May 22-23, 2006
Location: Newport, Rhode Island, USA
URL: <http://www.nosdav.org/2006/>

Call for Participation -- ENGI 2006

Conference Dates: May 28-31, 2006
Location: University of Reading, UK
URL: <http://netlab.cs.tsinghua.edu.cn/~engi2006/>

Call for Participation -- IWQoS 2006

Conference Dates: June 19-21, 2006
Location: New Haven, Connecticut, USA
URL: <http://westtemple.cs.yale.edu/iwqos06/>

Call for Participation -- IEEE DSN 2006

Conference Dates: June 25-28, 2006
Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
URL: <http://www.dsn.org>

