Call for SRC

The ACM Student Research Competition (SRC)

ACM MobiCom 2018 will host an ACM Student Research Competition (SRC) alongside the Posters Program. SRC offers graduate and undergraduate students an opportunity to present their original research, and rewards outstanding student research. It aims to give students the opportunity to meet with conference attendees and distinguished researchers, and receive feedback on their research.

Guidelines

- SRC has two categories - Graduate Research and Undergraduate Research:
  - Graduate Research: Entries in the graduate category are open to Masters or PhD candidates. Only individual research contributions are eligible for SRC. Multi-author submissions are allowed but students should be prepared to present (and will be evaluated on) their own contribution to the project.
  - Undergraduate Research: Team projects are accepted from undergraduate students. The team must designate one person for the oral presentation.
- Participants must be currently enrolled in a university.
- Valid ACM student membership is required for the lead student.

Selection Process

The first round of selection is held with the MobiCom poster session, where SRC participants also present their posters to the judges. Entries are judged based on: (i) Motivation of the research, (ii) Background work, (iii) Approach, (iv) Results and contributions to the field of mobile systems. Selected students will advance to the second round, where they will give a 10-minute presentation on their research, followed by a 5-minute question and answer period.

Competitors should be prepared to attend the Poster Session and, if selected for the second round, to give a short talk about their research projects. The top three finalists will be announced at MobiCom 2018.

Awards

The first, second, and third place winners from each category will be awarded $500, $300, and $200 respectively. Additionally, all participating students will receive up to $500 USD for their conference travel (in case of undergraduate team submissions, the designated presenter and one more member of the team will be eligible for travel reimbursement for up to $500.00 each). The first place graduate and undergraduate winners will advance to the SRC Grand Finals, where winners from various ACM SIGs are evaluated to nominate the SRC winners. The winners of the Grand Finals will be recognized at the Annual ACM Awards Banquet, the same banquet that also recognizes the Turing award winners.

Submission

Students submitting to the MobiCom 2018 Poster Session can opt to also have their posters considered by the SRC committee, if their posters are accepted. To be considered for the SRC, complete a
submission to the Poster Session and indicate that you would like to participate in the SRC by adding [SRC] in the subject line. Your submission should describe recently completed or ongoing research. If part of a group project, clearly state your contributions in the submitted abstract and poster. For Submission Deadline and Instructions, please follow the guidelines on the MobiCom 2018 Posters page.

Sponsorship
The ACM is proud to have Microsoft as its Student Research Competition sponsor.

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