19th International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling

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Call for Doctoral Consortium Papers

The Organizing Committee of the 19th International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS'09) invites Ph.D. students to apply for the Doctoral Consortium. The aim of the Doctoral Consortium is to provide a forum for students to discuss their work with other students and senior researchers working in the same area.

The Doctoral Consortium will feature a full day workshop on September 19th where all accepted papers will be given a short time slot for oral presentation in small, themed clusters of common interest with students and senior researchers. Participants will have further opportunity to present at the poster session of the main conference.

Depending on the number of submissions, it is expected that around 25 students are accepted. Two of the papers will be distinguished with a best paper award, and a best Paper runner-up award, respectively. Each student will be assigned a mentor, i.e., a senior researcher in the relevant area who will meet with the student during the conference in a relatively informal setting (lunch). Students accepted in the Doctoral Consortium are eligible for consideration for financial support.

Application Requirements

We encourage submissions from Ph.D. students who are already working on their dissertations. Preference will be given to students who are far enough along to have formulated their dissertation topic. Applicants should submit an extended abstract of four (4) pages maximum. The submission should be in AAAI style and sent as a PDF file by email to Antonio Garrido (agarridot at dsic dot upv dot es). It should describe original work that is part of the doctoral work of the student. We encourage the submission of work that is still in progress.

Students who wish to participate in the Doctoral Consortium and have a full paper describing their work accepted to the technical programme of ICAPS'09 are not required to submit a short version of their paper as an extended abstract. They may simply send an email to Antonio Garrido (agarridot at dsic dot upv dot es) explaining that they wish to participate in the Doctoral Consortium. The title, author list, and abstract of the paper should be included. Such students will present their work at the Doctoral Consortium only if not scheduled for oral presentation at the main conference. The scholarship rules below will apply.

In addition, all applicants should submit their resume as a PDF file, together with a brief statement of at most two (2) pages describing their position in the doctoral process. The statement should be in 12 point font, single column, and include an approximate outline of the thesis proposal, or the next or current project; it can be submitted as either DOC or PDF file.

Selection and Financial Support

Applicants will be invited to participate in the Doctoral Consortium based on the expected benefit to the student and to other students, taking into account the quality of the submission. Successful applicants are expected to actively participate in the whole programme. Those who have not participated in a previous Doctoral Consortium will be given higher priority for financial support.

Note that only students who apply and are invited for participation in the Doctoral Consortium can be considered for financial support.

Important Dates

- Submission deadline: June 26, 2009
- Notification date: July 22, 2009
- Final versions due: August 10, 2009
- Doctoral Consortium: September 19, 2009

Doctoral Consortium Chairs

- Antonio Garrido, Universitat Politècnica de València, Spain
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