

## IMS2009 Student Paper Competition Rules

- 1) The purpose of the Student Paper Competition is to recognize outstanding technical contributions from individual students. In general, only one or two authors are allowed for each Student Paper: the first author must be the student; the second author should be the student's major advisor. Multiple student co-authors are not allowed.
- 2) Additional authors are permitted provided they are not themselves students and served only in an advisory role such as an industry co-advisor.
- 3) All students wishing to participate in the competition are required to follow the regular Symposium submission process for papers.
- 4) Papers must be identified as Student Paper Competition submissions during the electronic submission process. To be considered for an award, the student must have been a full time student (minimum 9-hours/term graduate, 12-hours/term undergraduate) during the time the work was performed.
- 5) The student's major advisor is required to submit a letter indicating that the research presented in the paper is primarily the work of the student, done while the 1<sup>st</sup> author was a student, and that the contribution from other authors is only advisory. *Failure to provide this letter will result in disqualification.* Email responses will be accepted, but additional information on author participation may be requested.
- 6) Student Paper Competition submissions are first evaluated by the Technical Program Committee (TPC), along with all other manuscript submissions, and receive no special consideration when being considered for acceptance to the Symposium.
- 7) Those papers that are accepted for publication, identified as Student Paper submissions, and that meet the criteria listed above become eligible for the Student Paper Competition.
- 8) The eligible student papers accepted for publication will be separately evaluated by the TPC in order to select Student Paper finalists.
- 9) The lead author (student) must present the paper at the Student Paper Competition Interactive Forum, presently scheduled from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Tuesday, 9 June 2009 and during the assigned Symposium session.
- 10) Finalists will receive email notification, and receive special recognition in the IMS2009 Program.