

PerCom2009

The National Science Foundation (NSF) of the U.S.A, and
The PerCom2009 Steering Committee announce

NSF Student Travel Grants

Approximately 20 to 25 student travel grants are anticipated in the amount of \$500-\$1500 each, sponsored by the **National Science Foundation**, for attending the *Seventh Annual IEEE International Conference on Pervasive Computing and Communications* (PerCom2009) to be held in Galveston, Texas, March 9-13, 2009. Proceeds from these grants can be applied towards airfare and hotel expenses to attend PerCom2009. Awardees are expected to make their own travel arrangements. For the original announcement please see: <http://www.percom.org/travelgrant.shtml>

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS:

- The funding will be used for student travel-related support only.
- The recipients of the travel awards must be US-based students only, that is, PhD. Students attending universities in the US (not necessarily US citizens or permanent residents).
- Special efforts will be made to recruit student participants who are underrepresented minorities (i.e., African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Native Pacific Islanders) and/or women, coming from diverse institutions.
- Some priority may be given to student authors with accepted papers at PerCom2009 who may not otherwise be able to attend due to budgetary constraints.
- A committee consisting of Gergely Záruba (Chair), TBA will evaluate the applicants and select the travel grant recipients.
- All student travel awardees are required to register for the conference.

TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS:

An application for a travel award will consist of the student's vita, a letter from the student, and a letter from the student's adviser. Applications can be submitted through the EDAS conference management system (log in or register at EDAS <http://edas.info> and click on the *Travel grants* tab. The letter from the student should include:

- A brief summary of research interests and accomplishments to date;
- A description of areas reflected in the PerCom program that would impact the student's research;
- Why the conference attendance is important to the student.

In addition, the student's adviser should send a letter of recommendation to the committee that includes:

- Confirmation that the student is a Ph.D. candidate in good standing;
- The suitability of the PerCom program material to the student's research area;
- Ways this particular student would benefit from attendance at the conference;
- The strengths and potential contributions of the student;
- Availability of funds from other sources, particularly the adviser, the student, and/or the student's institute is required to pay for the student's conference registration fee.

DEADLINES:

- Application submission: Friday, February 13, 2009
- Decisions/notification: Tuesday, February 17, 2009
- Acceptance by the recipient: Friday, February 20, 2009 (Conference registration must be completed)

