SoCG Travel Support

Thanks to generous support from the National Science Foundation (NSF grant CCF-1342819) and from ACM SIGACT, a total of $ 24,500 is available to support travel by students and postdocs to the 30th Annual Symposium on Computational Geometry, which will be held June 8-11, 2014 in Kyoto, Japan. All students and postdocs are encouraged to apply, but priority will be given to speakers ? either at the Symposium proper, at the Young Researchers Forum, or at another satellite workshop ? who have no other travel funding.

To apply for travel support, please email the following information to Jeff Erickson<jeffe@cs.uiuc.edu> with the subject "SOCG 2014 travel support":
-A current curriculum vitae that includes your contact information, your current institution, your status as a student or postdoc, the (expected) date of your PhD, and (if you are a student) your advisor's name and contact information.
-A brief statement (no more than half a page) describing your research interests and accomplishments and your reasons for attending SOCG 2014.
-The title of each SOCG paper, Young Researchers Forum abstract, or workshop talk that you plan to present.

Your estimated expenses in US dollars, including:
-Estimated cost of transportation to the conference.
-Estimated cost of lodging during the conference. Students are strongly encouraged to share rooms.
-Whether you need support for your conference registration. Registration expenses will be limited to the student early registration fee.
-Both NSF and ACM SIGACT encourage applications from members of underrepresented groups for these awards. You may optionally indicate if you are part of such a group or at an institution that is not typically represented at SOCG.
-Please indicate whether and when you have previously attended SOCG or another major theory conference.

If you are a student, your advisor must also send a separate email to Jeff Erickson (jeffe@cs.uiuc.edu) confirming your student status, recommending your attendance at SOCG 2014, and describing any other available travel funds. Vague statements such as "funds are tight" are not informative. This is very important. Your application is not complete without this letter. Each advisor may nominate at most two students for travel support.

All applications and supporting letters are due APRIL 25, 2014. Late applications will not be considered. You should receive an email acknowledging your application at most 3 weekdays after your application is complete. If not, please resubmit or contact Jeff Erickson by some other means. Winners will be selected and notified by MAY 6, 2014.

The requested information will be used to prioritize awards according to the following criteria:
-Authors and co-authors of accepted SOCG papers who do not have other travel support.
-Speakers at the Young Researchers Forum or other workshops who do not have other travel support.

-Members of under-represented groups with research interests in computational geometry, whose attendance would broaden participation at the conference.
-Applicants whose statements and supporting information make a particularly compelling case for attending the conference.
-Other participants from institutions not traditionally represented at the conference.

Travel awards can be used only to offset transportation, lodging, and registration costs; other expenses such as food and visas cannot be reimbursed. It is expected that total reimbursement will be limited to $ 1500 per applicant; however, the final award amounts will depend on the number of qualified applicants. Receipts will be required for all awards. All reimbursements will be made after the conference.
Support from NSF is available only to students and postdocs at US institutions. Support from ACM SIGACT is unrestricted, but priority will be given to students and postdocs from institutions outside the US and Asia. Separate funds are available to support student travel from Asian institutions; please contact the local organizers at socg2014@dais.is.tohoku.ac.jp for further information.

Important Dates:
-April 21, 2014: Notification of conditional acceptance to YRF
-April 25, 2014: Application deadline for travel support
-May 5, 2014: Announcement of final YRF acceptances
-May 6, 2014: Notification of travel awards
-May 10, 2014: Early registration deadline for SOCG 2014