

## **Student Technical Paper Award**

The 29th DASC is encouraging student participation in the Technical Sessions by offering a monetary award to selected papers. Up to three “Best Student Paper” awards, each valued up to \$500, will be presented to student authors. In order for the papers to participate in the competition, they first must be accepted by the conference. The student papers will be integrated into the appropriate technical session to encourage discussion with other academic, industry and government participants.

### **Rules:**

1. Students must have full-time undergraduate or graduate status when the abstract is submitted, and the work described within the paper must have been conducted by the student as part of their course of study and/or thesis research while on full-time student status. For example, a student graduating in Spring 2010 is eligible to submit a paper on work performed as a student, although, at the time of the submission of the abstract the person may no longer be a student. Post-doctoral researchers are not eligible. Submission of the abstracts and papers is to be performed using the online system, the same way as for regular papers.
2. The papers will be judged by the same criteria used for judging best papers in the conference as a whole: Technical content, originality, application, style.
3. Multiple authors are allowed. The monetary award will be shared among student authors. Professional co-authors (such as faculty) involved in the research are acceptable provided that they are the last authors, and as long as the paper is written primarily by the student(s) on work conducted by the student(s). Faculty, please remember that this is a student paper contest. All student authors must state (during paper submission) whether they are undergraduate or graduate students.
4. A student author must attend the conference and present the paper to receive the monetary award.
5. The award selection is based on the publication-ready paper that is submitted by normal conference due dates.
6. Submissions from undergraduate students will be judged separately from submissions from graduate students.
7. Student papers will also be judged for the best in session, best in track and best in conference awards, and may receive these awards in addition to a student paper award.

For more information, see the conference website at [www.dasconline.org/](http://www.dasconline.org/) or contact the Student Activities Chair, Fahmida Chowdhury, National Science Foundation at [student.activities.chair@dasconline.org](mailto:student.activities.chair@dasconline.org).