

## 22nd CANADIAN AI

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### GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

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#### CALL FOR PAPERS – Deadline **Jan. 30, 2009**

AI 2009, the twenty-second Canadian Conference on Artificial Intelligence, invites graduate students to submit four-page extended abstracts of their thesis for possible inclusion in the AI 2009 Graduate Student Symposium. The Symposium provides an opportunity for Master's and PhD students to discuss and explore their research interests and career objectives with their peers and with a panel of established researchers in Artificial Intelligence, helping to develop a supportive community of scholars and a spirit of collaborative research.

The symposium will be a one-day pre-conference event, where students of accepted abstracts will be invited to give a presentation on their thesis work before a group of peers as well as a small team of expert AI researchers who would offer a critique of each presentation and provide support, advice, and mentoring. Each student may also be invited to participate in the poster session during the main conference. In addition, a small selection of the best student submissions will be invited to give a short talk during the main conference.

PhD and Master's students are invited to submit original work in all areas of Artificial Intelligence. It is not expected that submissions will consist of polished work with complete results; instead, more weight will be placed on the significance of the work, the proposed ideas or solutions, and the overall presentation. Submissions should therefore have emphasis on work in progress, with directions for future research clearly indicated wherever appropriate.

To apply for the symposium, please email an extended abstract in PDF, Postscript or MS-Word RTF to [Svetlana.Kiritchenko@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca](mailto:Svetlana.Kiritchenko@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca), by **January 30th, 2009**. Each abstract has to be accompanied with a cover letter stating your name, institution, supervisor's name and email address, program start date, expected graduation date, and 2-5 keywords describing your work. Also include a list of your refereed and non-refereed publications and presentations at national and international forums. All submissions must be written in

English. Abstracts may be up to 4 pages in length and must be formatted according to Springer's LNCS style. Please follow the instructions for authors at Springer's site for authors. The use of the LaTeX2e style file available at the web site is strongly encouraged. We anticipate all accepted abstracts to be included in the proceedings of the Canadian Conference on Artificial Intelligence 2009 published by Springer.

Each abstract will be reviewed by a mixed team of both students and program committee members. Presenting students will be selected based on clarity of the submission, stage of research, and evidence of promise such as published papers or technical reports. Partial financial assistance for travel and accommodations may be available to a limited number of students presenting at the Symposium.

All students are encouraged to attend and participate in the Symposium, whether or not they apply to present their work. All the selected student presenters are expected to actively participate in the full Symposium, as we envision participants gaining as much by interacting with their peers as by having their presentations critiqued by the faculty panel. In addition, a senior AI researcher and faculty member will be invited to give a talk on a topic of interest to graduate students.

#### Important Dates

Full paper submission due: **January 30th, 2009**

Notification of acceptance: **March 3rd, 2009**

Final paper due: **March 16th, 2009**

Graduate Student Symposium: **May 24th, 2009**

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