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SC09 Mentoring and Travel Assistance Grants Deadline Extended to August 17

Portland, OR – July 22, 2009 – Students and faculty still have time to apply for an SC09 Broader Engagement (BE) Travel Grant, as the application deadline has been extended to August 17, 2009.

SC09, the international conference for high performance computing, networking, storage and analysis, takes place November 14-20, 2009 in Portland, Oregon, offers unparalleled opportunities to learn more about biological sciences, environmental sustainability, and the emerging 3D Internet. BE participants can meet with scientists, engineers, researchers, educators, programmers, system administrators and managers to discuss, discover and innovate the path forward for computing.

For twenty-one years, the SC conference has showcased the latest advances in high performance computing, networking, storage and analysis. Over the years, the conference, sponsored by ACM and the IEEE Computer Society, has expanded its breadth to reach a wider, more diverse community.

The SC09 Broader Engagement (BE) initiative will award participation grants to provide travel assistance to individuals from groups that have traditionally been under-represented in computing: African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, women and disabled people. These grants are available to undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled full time for at least one semester during the 2008-2009 academic year and are at least 18 years of age. Faculty and young professionals also will be considered, with a preference for faculty whose students are receiving SC09 BE grants.

In addition to receiving complimentary conference registration, grant recipients will be reimbursed for their SC09 lodging and transportation expenses. Applications are encouraged from students and young professionals in all computing-related disciplines.

"Students and junior faculty are important participants in the SC Broader Engagement initiative," said Dr. Tiki Suarez-Brown of Florida A&M University, SC09's Broader Engagement Chair. "We hope that this deadline extension will help us spread the word to more campuses as the fall semester begins, as well as allowing more time for responses from junior professionals, research faculty, and others.

Suarez-Brown added, "Our Mentorship Program and Student Job Fair are both very popular with Broader Engagement participants, and can lead to career-changing experiences."

More information, including a link to the application form, can be found at
http://sc09.supercomputing.org/?pg=broadeng.html

About SC09

SC09, sponsored by the ACM (the Association for Computing Machinery) and the IEEE Computer Society, offers a complete technical education program and exhibition to showcase the many ways high performance computing, networking, storage and analysis lead to advances in scientific discovery, research, education and commerce. This premier international conference includes a globally attended technical program, workshops, tutorials, an exhibit area, demonstrations and hands on learning. For more information, please visit
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