

## **IEEE SECON 2011 Student Travel Grant**

### **Overview:**

SECON 2011 is pleased to provide a limited number of student travel grants to US based graduate students to participate in our conference, workshops, poster and demo sessions. Travel support will provide up to \$800 per student to help defray, but not necessarily to cover entirely, the costs of student's travel, lodging, meals, and conference registration fees. We encourage the participation from women and underrepresented minorities. Travel support is made available by a grant from the US National Science Foundation (pending approval).

### **Form and Amount of Support:**

The support is intended to cover partially the costs of student's travel, lodging, meals, conference registration, etc. The award will be handled via reimbursements. Each legitimate expense must be documented with an original official receipt (e.g., air ticket and hotel receipt). The reimbursement will be sent as a check via postal mail six to eight weeks after submitting the reimbursement forms and supporting receipts. Further details of the reimbursement procedure will be communicated to the award recipients.

### **Eligibility for Student Travel Grants:**

To qualify for the NSF Student Travel Grant, the applicant must be a US-based student, that is, a Ph.D. student attending universities in the US (but do not necessarily need to be US citizens or permanent residents). Priority is given to student authors with accepted papers, posters, or demos at SECON 2011 who would not otherwise be able to attend due to budgetary constraints. Priority is also given to students who are volunteers with SECON events. Special efforts will be made to recruit student participants who are underrepresented in STEM disciplines, and who are coming from diverse institutions.

### **Application Process and Notification:**

The applicant should send an application containing:

- \* A resume or CV of the applicant
- \* A letter that briefly summarizes (1) the applicant's current research interests / accomplishments, (2) a description of how SECON will benefit his/her professional development

The student's advisor should send a supporting letter that (1) confirming that the student is in good academic standing in the PhD program, (2) why the student is in need of a travel grant, and (3) how SECON will benefit the student's research progress.

Applications should be submitted by May 23 via email to the Travel Awards Chair (Dr. Wenjing Lou, [wjlou@ece.wpi.edu](mailto:wjlou@ece.wpi.edu)). Please use "SECON Student Travel Grant" in the subject line. ASCII or pdf formats are strongly recommended. The Student Travel Grant Committee will review all travel grant applications and notify applicants about award decisions by May 30.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Application Deadline: May 23, 2011

Decision: May 30, 2011