Toronto Metropolitan University

Graduate Programs
Computer Science

Peer-reviewed Accepted Paper Encouragement Reward (PAPER) Incentive Program

The Graduate programs in Computer Science (CS) at Toronto Metropolitan University are offering a performance-based incentive program intended to encourage the broader dissemination of peer-reviewed[1], scholarly publications (PRSP) produced by CS graduate students. The PAPER incentive is designed to reward objective dissemination success through PRSPs and their presentation at a reputable venue[2]. In addition, PAPER incentives provide a way for the Graduate Programs in CS to track the PRSP through their citations.

Eligibility

To be considered for a PAPER incentive, an applicant or nominee must be an active, registered student within the university's graduate programs in CS, entering a submission within the dissemination[3] period[4], who is an author[5] of a PRSP.

A total of $20,000 will be allocated for PAPER incentives each dissemination period. Normally, a student will be eligible to receive a PAPER incentive only once per dissemination period. However, in the spirit of PAPER incentives, additional applications/nominations will be considered on a first come, first served basis should there be funds available at the end of the dissemination period.

Applying or Nominating Someone for a PAPER Incentive

Any eligible CS Graduate Student wishing to be considered for a PAPER incentive, or someone wishing to nominate another CS Graduate Student, should send an email message during the dissemination period from a valid Toronto Metropolitan University email address to the CS Graduate Program Administrator (GPA). The subject line should read: "*PAPER Incentive Application*". In the body of the email message they should include the citation, in APA (American Psychological Association) format, for the PRSP they wish to have considered. A copy of the PRSP (in PDF format) should be attached to the email. If a student is being nominated, the message should clearly indicate this fact and the name of the nominee. Multiple applications (each citing a different PRSP) are welcome. However, each PRSP should be entered by a different email message as described above[6]. PRSPs with multiple authors are eligible[7]. The GPA will acknowledge receipt of the email message and file it with all legitimate[8] applications/nominations.

PAPER incentives will be adjudicated using the following algorithm:

1. GPD determines valid *PRSP* defined as a correctly cited PRSP.
2. GPA determines amount of PAPER incentive through the following:
   - $500 for any valid PRSP, whether it is presented or not;
   - an additional $500 for an accepted PRSP presented at a virtual or GTA-based dissemination venue[9] related to the publication of the PRSP; or
   - an additional $1,000 for an accepted PRSP presented at a non-GTA dissemination venue related to the publication of the PRSP.

Any PAPER application/nomination for a PRSP that was presented, virtually or in-person, should include evidence of presentation (for example: program proceedings or a registration receipt) attached to the email sent to the GPA.

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[1] "peer review" is defined as: a process by which a proposed or produced publication is evaluated by a group of experts in the appropriate field and accepted for dissemination to other peers.

[2] An acceptable venue is a conference, workshop, journal or other place that is sponsored by a well-known organization like the IEEE, ACM or similar (as determined by the GPD)

[3] dissemination is defined as: the act of spreading something, especially information, widely

[4] dissemination periods have a duration of approximately 1 year based on the calendar year.

[5] "author" refers to anyone who is one the list of authors of a PRSP in any position.

[6] The intent is to have one application/nomination per email message. In other words, multiple nominations/applications should be broken into individual email messages.

[7] Application should be made individually by each eligible author of the PRSP.

[8] A legitimate application/nomination is one that contains all the information outlined in this document sent from an appropriate email address.

[9] "dissemination venue" (DV): A DV is an advertised and documented public presentation associated with a conference, workshop or other committee-based, organized event related to the publication of the PRSP. Examples of DVs are presentations at conferences or workshops. Non-examples include local presentations made in an informal setting like a lab, course or for a supervisor. Thesis presentations do not count as DVs.