

## **ACM Summer School on Recommender Systems held in conjunction with RecSys'17**

The summer school is held as a pre-program to the RecSys conference in Como from Aug. 21st to Fri 25th in Bolzano. The Doctoral Symposium (DS) of RecSys'17 will be integrated to the program of the summer school.

The summer school would differentiate between 4 ranked tiers of participants:

- 1) students accepted to the doctoral symposium
- 2) students from developing/ Non-EU Eastern European countries and BRICS countries that qualify for a travel stipend
- 3) students from any country without stipend prioritized based on application date
- 4) other participants based on availability of free seats

The application for the conference development fund asks for support for inviting the speakers and a predefined number of stipends for travel support and accommodation for students from developing/BRICS countries and also for DS participants.

A selection committee decides on whom to appoint as a speaker and whom to provide stipends for participation. We plan to include longer tutorials (e.g. 1,5 days) that would include hands-on sessions in order to differentiate from the traditional tutorial presentation slots at conferences. Due to the longer slots we think of two parallel tracks in order to still cover a broad range of topics.

For housing we can ensure places in student dormitories and youth hostels that need to be confirmed by registrants early on (maybe by April/May). Later on participants would need to reserve rooms by themselves (except for DS accepted participants). In total we could plan for 50-70 participants (including speakers etc.).

### **Timeframe:**

The RecSys SC approved the proposal on 19/09/2016 in Boston

Call for presenters in Dec'16/Jan'17 and first call for participants in Jan'17

### **Funding request: \$36,000,-**

This will be used for providing stipends for doctoral symposium participants (\$12,000) and for additional students from BRICS/Non-EU Eastern European countries and developing countries (\$12,000).

Furthermore, we ask for covering travel costs for ~6 speakers \$12,000.

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