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Support request: Reaching out to the future and stabilizing past achievements

Conference:

Intelligent User Interfaces, IUI-2018, Tokyo, Japan

Proposed by:

- IUI-2018 General Chairs: Yoshinori Hijikata (Kwansei Gakuin University), Shlomo Berkovsky (CSIRO), June Rekimoto (University of Tokyo)
- IUI Steering Committee Chair: Antonio Kruger (DFKI)

As IUI is co-sponsored 50-50 by SIGCHI and SIGAI, a separate support request has been submitted to SIGAI chairs.

Subject 1: Broadening Participation through students of all levels

We request funding to support student travel to IUI-2018, in particular for students from countries with historically low participation rates in IUI and the participation of Japanese undergraduate and High School students. We are requesting for **US\$10,000** to support this kind of participations in the conference. The money will be used to cover the students' travel expenses. The conference will aim to complement this funding with free registrations.

This funding will be used to support student travel to the conference. While travel funding will be open to all students, priority will be given to students come from countries with historically low participation rates, disadvantaged students who otherwise would not be able to attend IUI-2018, and students with accepted contributions (to the main conference and student consortium) as well as Japanese undergraduate and High School students, who have proved their eligibility with a letter of interest. If we attract enough participants from the latter group, we will organise a special event for the undergraduate and High School students.

In order to receive funding, the students will have submit the following information:

1. Detailed description of their expected costs, including the airfares, accommodation, and expected meal expenses. The students will be expected to use the cheapest available airfare and (where appropriate) share rooms.
2. A copy of their submission to the student consortium and/or papers submitted to the main conference. All the recipients are expected to either submit to the student consortium or be an author of a paper submitted to the conference.
3. A letter of recommendation from their advisor, detailing why additional funding would enable the student to participate in IUI.
4. In case of non-graduate students, a motivational letter explaining their interest in Intelligent User Interfaces.

Based on this information, a special committee (general chairs of IUI-2018, student volunteer chairs, and local chairs) will decide on the individual amount of funding for every applicant. We expect an average funding in the range of US\$500-1,500 for every awardee. Funded students will be expected to volunteer during the conference and help the conference organisers with casual tasks such as manning the registration desk, assisting the conference attendees, and helping during the sessions. Part of the funding will be dedicated to the organisation of a special event for the undergraduate and High School students, if enough participants are attracted.

This funding will be particularly beneficial for disadvantaged students, who otherwise would not be able to attend IUI-2018. These students will have the opportunity to present their research to the community and receive valuable feedback and networking experience. The community as a whole will also benefit from this funding, as it will guarantee that the best and brightest students are able to attend and participate in IUI-2018, and become integral members of the community. The special event for the undergraduate and High School students is aimed at attracting this student to pursue an industry or research career in this exciting area.