Student support for UMAP 2018

Short summary:
The SIGCHI Conference Development Funds awarded to UMAP 2018 were used to support international students with insufficient funds to attend the conference. All applications were subject to a review process, requiring a recommendation letter from the supervisor and/or the department, an accepted paper, and documentation of financial resources and needs. SIGCHI allocated US$4,500 for students support; the money was granted to five PhD students who presented their research at the conference.

Title: Student support for UMAP 2018
Subject matter: SIGCHI Conference Development Funds to support international student speakers to attend the conference
Funding: $4,500
Expense details: Doctoral international students travel costs: $4,500
Student Support Chairs: Yue Xu (Queensland University of Technology, Australia) and Yong Zheng (Illinois Institute of Technology, USA)

Further comments: The SIGCHI Conference Development Funds awarded to UMAP 2018 were used to support international students with insufficient funds to attend the conference. All applications were subject to a review process, requiring a recommendation letter from the supervisor and/or the department, an accepted paper, and documentation of financial resources and needs. This funding was allocated to five PhD students, who are studying in Canada, Cyprus, New Zealand, the Philippines and UK. Three students presented full papers at the conference, one presented a short paper, and one presented a Late Breaking Result paper. The amounts the students were allocated ranged from $500 to $1,600. The students reported their gratitude for support, and greatly benefited from being able to attend the conference. UMAP 2018 hosted top world-class researches from the user modelling, recommender systems, intelligent tutoring systems, and other related disciplines, providing attendees the opportunity to learn from each other and hold fruitful discussions.

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