



# Call for Nominations

## ACM India Best Doctoral Dissertation Award 2018

### **The Award**

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### **Eligibility**

Each PhD granting institution based in India can normally nominate 1 student for the award. Institutions that produce more than 10 dissertations in relevant areas per year can nominate 2 students. Each dissertation nominated for the 2018 award must have been defended successfully between **August 1, 2016** and **July 31, 2017**.

### **Deadline**

Nominations must be received by **August 31, 2017** to qualify for consideration of the 2018 award.

### **Publication and Copyrights**

Winning dissertations will be published in the ACM Digital Library. Each nomination must be accompanied by an assignment to ACM by the author of exclusive publication rights, as per ACM's copyright policies. Copyright will automatically revert to an author if her/his dissertation is not selected.

### **Nomination Procedure**

Candidates must be nominated by the department from which the PhD degree was completed.

#### **Each nomination must include:**

- i. Nomination letter by thesis advisor. This letter must include:
  - The name, address, and phone number of the advisor,
  - The name, mailing address and email address of the candidate, and
  - A one-page summary of the significance of the dissertation.
- ii. An endorsement letter by the department head or a suitable substitute (in case of a conflict of interest).
- iii. One copy of the thesis in electronic format
- iv. A record of publications in conferences and journals of the work reported in the dissertation, along with their citations, if any.
- v. A copyright transfer form filled out and signed by the candidate. Please use the Journals form downloadable from [http://www.acm.org/publications/copyright\\_form](http://www.acm.org/publications/copyright_form) for this purpose.

**Optional:** Supporting letters are helpful and a nomination can be supported by a maximum of five supporting letters from individuals who are familiar with the work. Each supporting letter must include the name, contact information, and telephone number of the supporter.

**Mode of submission: Nomination material must be submitted electronically by the thesis advisor. Supporting letters should not come directly from the supporters -- all necessary material, including supporting letters, may be collected and submitted by the thesis advisor, bundled as a zip file. The zip file must be uploaded to EasyChair. The submission web page for ACM IDDA 2018 is <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=acmidda2018>**

### **Selection Procedure**

Dissertations will be reviewed for technical depth and significance of the research contribution, potential impact on theory and practice, and quality of presentation. A committee of eminent Computer Science researchers from across the world will perform an initial screening to generate a short list, followed by an in-depth evaluation to determine the winning dissertation.

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