10th PhD Student Workshop 2016 (Hefei)

2 – 3 June, 2016
Hefei, China

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

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INTRODUCTION

The 10th PhD Student Workshop 2016 (Hefei) [第十届博士生学术论坛] will be organized at University of Science and Technology of China in Hefei from 2 to 3 June 2016. It aims to provide a platform for Hong Kong and Mainland students of project teams under the Mainland Collaboration Schemes to meet and discuss their research findings and the latest advancements in their own disciplines. The Workshop also aims to advance the participants' understanding of important issues and frontier research in their own research areas.

KEY AREAS

The Workshop will primarily focus on the following 9 key areas:

1. Applied Mathematics
2. Business and Management
3. Control and Mechatronics
4. Fire Safety and Nanomechanics
5. Web Services
6. Environmental Science
7. Information Engineering
8. Computational and Theoretical Materials Physics
9. Communications, Linguistics and Public Policy

REGISTRATION

Interested students should complete the Registration Form and return it to the Workshop Secretariat on or before 10 March 2016 for registration.

WORKSHOP FORMAT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The Workshop will consist of oral presentations given by Hong Kong and Mainland student participants and other academic activities. English will be the official language for the entire event. Participants should submit an abstract of about 200 words (including abstract's title, authors' names and their affiliations) to the Workshop Secretariat on or before 17 March 2016 via e-mail (sgworkshop@cityu.edu.hk).

ELIGIBILITY

- Students under all CityU's Mainland Collaboration Schemes
- PhD students of CityU and USTC who are not under the Mainland Collaboration Schemes

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship will only be provided to support travel and accommodation expenses for students, who will present a paper in the Workshop. All sponsorship applications are subject to the approval of SGS and SGS' decision shall be final.

For CityU regular PhD students, sponsorship could be obtained by applying for the Conference Grant to cover only the cost of an economy-class return air ticket to travel between Hong Kong and Hefei. The grant so awarded will not be counted towards the quota of Conference Grant. Reimbursement will be made upon the presentation of original receipt(s) and boarding passes after the Workshop on actual expense incurred up to a maximum amount of ¥2,800 (for flying from Shenzhen airport) plus HK$200 (for traveling between Hong Kong and Shenzhen airport). In applying for conference grant and reimbursement, students are advised to observe “Guidelines for the Award of Conference Grant” as detailed in the Guidebook for Research Degree Studies.
For PhD students under CityU’s Mainland Collaboration Schemes, funding support will be provided for (1) a round-trip economy class air ticket between Shenzhen/partner university and Hefei, or (ii) a round-trip second class train ticket between Suzhou/partner university and Hefei. The following table illustrates the funding support for students stationed in various study locations:

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<th>Student’s Study Location</th>
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<td>Suzhou</td>
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* If student’s approved study location is in CityU Hong Kong in 2015/16, an additional sponsorship of up to HK$200 will be reimbursed for traveling between Hong Kong and Shenzhen airport, on actual basis.

Reimbursement will be made upon presentation of two written quotations (applicable to air transportation only), original receipt(s), boarding passes and a copy of presentation paper, after the Workshop on actual expense. The air/train ticket must have a travel date within the valid period from 30 May to 5 June 2016. Tickets with travel dates outside the valid period will not be reimbursed.

Maximum 3 nights’ accommodation will be provided for eligible student participants from 1 to 3 June 2016 (inclusive). Please fill out the Registration Form and return it to the Workshop Secretariat on or before 10 March 2016.

The sponsorship is conditional upon the fact that the speaker is a registered student at CityU at the time the Workshop is held. The sponsorship approved only applies to this specific Workshop and cannot be used for other purposes.

**ABSTRACT PREPARATION**
Please refer to the attached “Abstract Guidelines” for details.

**WORKSHOP SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)**

June 1  Arrival at Hefei
June 2
Morning:  Opening Ceremony cum Presentation of Peter Ho Conference Scholarships
          Oral Presentations by PhD students
Noon:    Workshop Lunch (if available, to be confirmed)
Afternoon: Oral Presentations by PhD students
Evening: Workshop Dinner (if available, to be confirmed)
June 3
Morning: Oral Presentations by PhD students
Noon:    Workshop Lunch (if available, to be confirmed)
Afternoon: Oral Presentations by PhD students
Evening: Workshop Dinner (if available, to be confirmed)
June 4  Departure

**WEBSITE**
Workshop website address will be announced in the Second Announcement.

**REMARKS**
Upon completion of this Workshop, the student’s participation may be counted as part of his/her coursework. The credit unit of this Workshop shall be determined by the department in which the student is registered.