



## Call for Proposals: Artificial Intelligence Activities Fund

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ACM SIGAI invites funding proposals for artificial intelligence (AI) activities with a strong outreach component to either students, researchers, or practitioners not working on AI technologies or to the public in general.

The purpose of this call is to promote a better understanding of current AI technologies, including their strengths and limitations, as well as their promise for the future. Examples of fundable activities include (but are not limited to) AI technology exhibits or exhibitions, holding meetings with panels on AI technology (including on AI ethics) with expert speakers, creating podcasts or short films on AI technologies that are accessible to the public, and holding AI programming competitions. ACM SIGAI will look for evidence that the information presented by the activity will be of high quality, accurate, unbiased (for example, not influenced by company interests), and at the right level for the intended audience.

ACM SIGAI has set aside \$10,000 to provide grants of up to \$2,000 each, with priority given to a) proposals from ACM affiliated organizations other than conferences (such as ACM SIGAI chapters or ACM chapters), b) out-of-the-box ideas, c) new activities (rather than existing and recurring activities), d) activities with long-term impact, e) activities that reach many people, and f) activities co-funded by others. We prefer not to fund activities for which sufficient funding is already available from elsewhere or that result in profit for the organizers. Note that expert talks on AI technology can typically be arranged with financial support of the ACM Distinguished Speaker program (<https://speakers.acm.org/>) and then are not appropriate for funding via this call.

A proposal should contain the following information on at most 3 pages:

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- a description of the activity (including when and where it will be held); a budget for the activity and the amount of funding requested, and whether other organizations have been or will be approached for funding (and, if so, for how much); an explanation of how the activity fits this call (including whether it is new or recurring, which audience it will benefit, and how large the audience is);
- a description of the organizers and other participants (such as speakers) involved in the activity (including their expertise and their affiliation with ACM SIGAI or ACM);
- a description of what will happen to the surplus in case there is, unexpectedly, one; and
- the name, affiliation, and contact details (including postal and email address, phone number, and URL) of the corresponding organizer.

Grantees are required to submit a report to ACM SIGAI following completion of their activities with details on how they utilized the funds and other information which might also be published in the ACM SIGAI newsletter "AI Matters".

The deadline for submissions is 11:59pm on March 15, 2019 (UTC-12). Proposals should be submitted as pdf documents in any style at

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=sigaiiaaf2019>.

The funding decisions of ACM SIGAI are final and cannot be appealed. Some funding earmarked for this call might not be awarded at the discretion of ACM SIGAI, for example, in case the number of high-quality proposals is not sufficiently large. In case of questions, please first check the

ACM SIGAI blog for announcements and clarifications: <https://sigai.acm.org/aimatters/blog/>. Questions should be directed to Sven Koenig ([skoenig@usc.edu](mailto:skoenig@usc.edu)).

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