



Call for Proposals

AAAI-98 Workshops

July 26-27, 1998, Madison, Wisconsin

Sponsored by the American Association for Artificial Intelligence

The AAAI-98 Program Committee invites proposals for the Workshop Program of the American Association for Artificial Intelligence's Fifteenth National Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-98).

Workshops will be held at the beginning of the conference, July 26-27, 1998. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to meet and discuss issues with a selected focus—providing an informal setting for active exchange among researchers, developers and users on topics of current interest. Members of all segments of the AI community are encouraged to submit proposals. Participants in related conferences collocated with AAAI-98 (for example, the ICML, UAI, Genetic Programming and Cognitive Science conferences) are particularly encouraged to submit proposals related to those areas.

To foster interaction and exchange of ideas, the workshops will be kept small, with 25-50 participants. Attendance is limited to active participants only. The format of workshops will be determined by their organizers, who are encouraged to leave ample time for general discussion. Workshops will typically be one full day in length, although half-day and two-day proposals will be considered.

Proposal Content

Proposals for workshops should be about two (2) pages in length, and should contain:

- A description of the workshop. Identify the specific issues on which the workshop will focus.
- A brief discussion of why the workshop is of particular interest at this time.
- A brief description of the workshop format, regarding the mix of events such as paper presentations, invited talks, panels, and general discussion.
- An indication as to whether the workshop should be considered for a half-day, one or two-day meeting.
- The names and addresses of the organizing committee—3 to 4 people knowledgeable in the field—and short descriptions of their relevant expertise. Strong proposals include organizers who bring differing perspectives to the workshop topic.
- A list of potential attendees.

We especially welcome proposals that bridge the gap between AI and other fields (e.g. AI and knowledge management); subfields of AI (e.g. integrating multiple reasoning methods); traditional AI areas and new task contexts (e.g. intelligent environments or mixed-initiative systems)

Workshops could also be an excellent forum for careful elucidation of results of exploratory research, critique of existing approaches, or discussion of research methodology.

Workshop Organization

Workshop organizers will be responsible for:

- *Producing a call for participation.* The Call is due November 24, 1997. This Call will be mailed to AAAI members by AAAI and placed on the AAAI web. Organizers are responsible for distributing the Call to relevant newsgroups and electronic mailing lists.
- *Selecting participants.* Workshop attendance is by invitation of the organizers. Selection of attendees will be made by the organizers on the basis of submissions due March 11, 1998. Workshop organizers will need to provide AAAI with a list of the participants by April 1, 1998.
- *Coordinating the production of the workshop notes.* AAAI provides a small budget to cover publication, mailing and administrative support. AAAI can reproduce and mail copies of the working notes if materials are received by May 13, 1998. Working notes may contain a collection of statements by participants or other relevant material, but are limited to a total of 200 pages.

Workshop organizers who want to publish the papers from their workshop (or significant portions of it) will have the opportunity to do so through the AAAI Press. The Press (which retains the right of first refusal to publish) will furnish details of its program to interested organizers and authors.

AAAI will provide logistic support, and meeting places for the workshops, and will determine the dates and times of the workshops. AAAI reserves the right to drop any workshop if the organizers miss the above deadlines. Workshops are not to be used as a vehicle for marketing products.

Participation in the AAAI-98 Workshop Program is by invitation only. The workshop registration fee will be waived for AAAI-98 Technical Program registrants. In the case of workshops jointly sponsored by AAAI and one of the collocated conferences, registration at one of the sponsoring conferences is sufficient. A workshop fee of \$150 will be imposed for all other participants.

Proposal Submission

Workshop proposals should be submitted as soon as possible and must be received no later than October 31, 1997. Plain text e-mail submissions are preferred. Organizers will be notified of the committee's decision by November 14, 1997.

The Workshop Program is cochaired by David B. Leake, Indiana University, and Raymond J. Mooney, the University of Texas at Austin. Please submit workshop proposals and address inquiries concerning workshops to:

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