IJCAI-18 AWARDS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Deadline for nominations: 26 January 2018

The IJCAI Awards Committee hereby invites nominations for the IJCAI-18 awards: The Award for Research Excellence; the Computers and Thought Award; and the John McCarthy Award.

IJCAI-18 AWARD FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

The Research Excellence award is given to a scientist who has carried out a program of research of consistently high quality throughout an entire career yielding several substantial results. Past recipients of this honor are the most illustrious group of scientists from the field of Artificial Intelligence.


IJCAI-18 COMPUTERS AND THOUGHT AWARD

The Computers and Thought Award is presented at IJCAI conferences to outstanding young scientists in artificial intelligence. The award was established with royalties received from the book, Computers and Thought, edited by Edward Feigenbaum and Julian Feldman. It is currently supported by income from IJCAI funds.

IJCAI-18 JOHN McCarthy AWARD

The IJCAI John McCarthy Award is intended to recognize established mid-career researchers, typically between fifteen to twenty-five years after obtaining their PhD, that have built up a major track record of research excellence in artificial intelligence. Nominees of the award will have made significant contributions to the research agenda in their area and will have a first-rate profile of influential research results.

The award is named for John McCarthy (1927-2011), who is widely recognized as one of the founders of the field of artificial intelligence. As well as giving the discipline its name, McCarthy made fundamental contributions of lasting importance to computer science in general and artificial intelligence in particular, including time-sharing operating systems, the LISP programming languages, knowledge representation, common-sense reasoning, and the logicist paradigm in artificial intelligence. The award was established with the full support and encouragement of the McCarthy family.

Past recipients of this honor have been: Bart Selman (2015), Moshe Tennenholtz (2016), and Dan Roth (2017).

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for IJCAI awards may be made by any member of the AI community. Nominations should take the form of a *single* PDF document, uploaded to the relevant nomination web site (see below). The nomination should on the first page clearly state the name of the candidate being nominated, their email address and website (if available), and the name and contact details of the nomination coordinator. The nomination should contain a statement (no more than 2000 words) clearly setting out why the nominee is deserving of the award. The nomination should also contain letters of support from up to 3 supporters from the AI community, who should also clearly state why they believe the nominee is deserving of the award (each supporting statement should be no more than 1000 words, and should identify the supporter).

Websites for uploading nominations:

Research excellence nomination site:  https://goo.gl/forms/VeE0ZQtMsWOKahP53

Computers and Thought nomination site:  https://goo.gl/forms/2hDpg96PvqILX0to2

John McCarthy nomination site:  https://goo.gl/forms/AN6R51GN6BKQEjYo2

Nominations must be uploaded no later than:
FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2018

Nominations received after this deadline will **not** be considered.

Informal enquiries or points for clarification may be sent to the chair of the awards committee: Michael Wooldridge <mjw@cs.ox.ac.uk>.