

We are happy to announce that ESWC2010 will provide a travel grant programme to support talented PhD students that face financial difficulties in attending the conference. Funds have been secured for this purpose from the generous contributions from the conference budget and the LarkC project.

Awards will be distributed taking into account financial needs and academic merit. While the application process for the award is open to all students, we primarily expect submissions from students that encounter financial difficulties in funding their travel. Priority will be given to students that have a paper accepted at the PhD Symposium or are first authors of a paper accepted for the main conference (research or demo papers), followed by those who are co-authoring a paper in the main conference.

To apply for the award please send the following documents to

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by the **31th of March 2010**:

- **Name, and short CV including current affiliation and position**
- **Type of contribution to the conference (always mention the title of your paper)**
- **Proof of status as a student (e.g. a letter from your supervisor or university)**
- **estimation of expected travel costs**
- **short explanation why a support from the conference is necessary**

The value of the awards is not fixed but will be settled on a case-to-case basis according to the financial context and the academic merit of each student. It is unlikely that the award will cover all expenses, so interested students should be prepared to cover the rest of their travel costs. Notifications about the award distribution will be sent by the **15th of April 2010**, thus allowing about 1.5 months for preparing the travel to the conference. The payment of the award will be performed after the event and as a refund based on actual invoices.