
**UCGIS 2008 SUMMER ASSEMBLY
CALL FOR PAPERS
GRADUATE STUDENT PRESENTATIONS
(\$800 Travel Awards)**

Overview:

The University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) is a non-profit organization of over seventy universities and other research institutions dedicated to expanding and strengthening geographic information science. The organization will hold its Summer Assembly from June 23 – 24, 2008 at the Hubert Humphrey Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Graduate students from UCGIS member institutions are invited to submit a full paper of approximately 6000 words to be considered for presentation at the 2008 Summer Assembly. Our goal is to attract high quality presentations from across the U.S. to foster interdisciplinary discussions among computer science, engineering, geography, natural resources, physical science, social science and other academic programs engaged in geographic information science investigations and research.

Paper Submission:

The deadline for submission of full papers to be considered for travel support is 12:00 midnight EST, April 20, 2008 [DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 5, 2008]. No students will be considered for travel support if submission is received after the deadline. Please send an email with full paper submission as an attachment to Prof. Jeremy Mennis (jmennis@temple.edu). Each paper **MUST** be reviewed and approved by a faculty member at the student's home university before submission. An email from the faculty member to jmennis@temple.edu verifying review of the student's paper is required. Any number of full papers may be submitted by a UCGIS member institution and a review email may come from any faculty member at the institution. Submissions will be placed on a password protected web site and assessed by a panel of referees drawn from across the UCGIS member institutions. **Award notifications will be made on or before May 20, 2008.**

Three student papers will be selected for presentation in sessions specially designated for UCGIS student papers. No more than one student will be selected from any UCGIS institution to receive a travel stipend to attend the meeting. Student papers will be posted to the UCGIS website at <http://www.ucgis.org/> for review by all members by June 8, 2008.

Funding Award:

The students selected for paper presentations will receive \$800 to help cover their costs of attending the 2008 Summer Assembly. Students will be responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Those students receiving travel awards will be presented with checks for \$800 at the conference.

If needed, students are encouraged to apply for additional funds from their home universities. In order to receive the award, the student must provide a written paper for the UCGIS electronic proceedings and present the paper at the 2008 Summer Assembly.

Special Prizes:

The editors of *Cartography and Geographic Information Science (CAGIS)* and *Transactions in GIS (TGIS)* will select one manuscript for publication consideration in an upcoming issue of their respective journals. The awards will be made for the best single-authored papers presented at the conference. To be eligible for consideration, authors must be either engaged in full or part-time postgraduate research or within 1 year of completion of their research degree (assuming scholar does not have faculty appointment). The winning manuscripts will be considered for publication in upcoming issues of either *Cartography and Geographic Information Science* or *Transactions in GIS*. The CAGIS or TGIS awards include a cash prize of \$200 and a complimentary subscription to the journal for one year. The editor of the appropriate journal will approve the selection of the winner.

Full Paper Details:

The paper you submit must be the paper you present at the 2008 Summer Assembly. Information on what you will need to do to prepare your full papers for web publication is as follows.

1. Copyrights

Authors retain copyright to their individual publications when submitted to UCGIS. However, winners of special prizes for publication in CAGIS or TGIS will be required to fulfill copyright release for the respective journal as appropriate.

2. File Transfers

The full paper should be saved in a PDF file named **lastname.pdf** where lastname is your last name in lowercase letters. This file should be included as an attachment with an e-mail message sent to jmennis@temple.edu. Make the subject line of this e-mail "UCGIS Web paper".

3. Organization of Full Paper

The full paper should follow this order of presentation:

- Title of Paper
- Author's Name, and affiliation to include: Name of department and university, Mailing address, Phone, fax, e-mail

- Abstract: should be 150 to 250 words and should describe an ongoing or completed research investigation or project. The abstract should include a statement of objectives, methods employed, potential impact of the project on advancing knowledge, science, education, or resource development, and should report any findings to date.
- Paper Body (any format from Transactions on GIS, Cartography and GIS, or IJGIS)
- Endnotes (to be used very sparingly)
- Acknowledgments (if appropriate)
- References Cited
- Appendices (if appropriate)

4. Text Sizes and Formats

Full paper manuscripts should not exceed 6,000 words. Use a 12-point variable spacing font such as Garamond or Times Roman. Format pages with one inch margins all around and use left justification (ragged right) only, not full justification.

5. Credit Lines and Sources

Credit lines are required for any illustration that you have not prepared or photographed yourself. A credit should be included parenthetically at the end of a figure's caption.

6. Maximum Image and File Sizes

The final PDF files must not exceed 500KB and the following limits apply to images included in your papers: (a) 200 dpi color; (b) 300 dpi grayscale; and (c) 300 dpi monochrome.

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