January 26th, 11AM-1PM ET, hosted virtually

Registration: FRP Unconference, hosted by Flashbots · Luma

Please join us for a virtual unconference to celebrate the success of Flashbots Research Proposals (FRP) with a selection of lightning talks and a town hall, hosted in Gather Town!

Talks:

- FRP 21: MEV in Fixed Gas Price Blockchains- Facundo Carrillo
- FRP 26: Credible Commitments via Open Games and FRP-27: Auction Simulations under PBS- Philipp Zahn
- FRP 22: Quantifying the Impact of Frontrunning and Randomness on UX Andrew Macpherson
- FRP 28: Contingent Fees in Order Flow Auctions Max Resnick
- FRP 10: Distributed Blockbuilding Networks via Secure Knapsack Auctions Hernan Vanegas
- FRP 32: Socioeconomic Effects of Cryptocurrency Redistribution in a Costa Rican Rural Town- Maité Cristina López
- FRP 40: Design Space for SUAVE Applications in Decentralized Finance (DeFi)Can Kisagun

FRP is a grants program that Flashbots uses to fund community research, work with collaborators, and ensure that researchers beyond our internal team have the resources they need to illuminate the dark forest. While FRPs have existed since early Flashbots, our pace of grants-making accelerated in the past year. Through FRP, we want to ensure that MEV is not only one of the most intellectually engaging areas to do research, but also one where passionate researchers can always find funding and support for their work.

In the past year, FRP has made large strides in that direction, allowing Flashbots to support a range of external researchers including seasoned academics, ecosystem contributors, and new entrants to independent MEV research. FRP is more active than ever before, and we recently accepted FRP-42!

If you want to find out more about FRP, you can see our 2023 year in review post, FRP category in the Flashbots Forum, and past and current FRPs in the Flashbots Research Github repo.

In our first FRP Unconference, we will highlight a small number of the projects that have resulted from this grants program. We hope this will encourage the community to continue to move these areas of study forward and to join us in celebrating the accomplishments of these highlighted FRP Fellows!

This event serves to both highlight exciting FRP achievements in the last year and to make our virtual research community that assembles around FRP feel closer. We want to give chances for questions, new connections, and spontaneous side-conversations in the same way that you can expect those when attending an in-person Flashbots event. To allow for that spontaneity, we plan to use <u>Gather.Town</u> for this event. We will watch the invited talks (submitted as recordings before the conference) together in the Gather.Town venue and then have live Q&A and discussion sessions in rooms themed on related work topics.

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