

Program Committee Invitation for Thirty-Fifth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence

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To: Zhen Wang <zwan4121@uni.sydney.edu.au>

Dear Zhen,

We are writing to invite you to serve as a member of the Program Committee for the Thirty-Fifth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-21). Program committee members play an essential role in reviewing papers and assuring the quality of the technical program, working closely with Senior Program Committee members and Area Chairs. This year AAAI has a two-phase review process. In each month-long phase, PC members will be expected to review 2-3 papers, meaning that total workload is reviewing 4-6 papers. All discussion and rebuttal will occur after Phase 2.

More detailed information will follow, but major areas of responsibility include:

- Completing the review assignment on time
- Participating in discussions and reading author responses
- Notifying SPC/AC if you see any potential issues in submissions (e.g., duplicate submissions, non-anonymized submissions, etc)

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Please reply to this invitation before it expires on 9/7/2020. If you receive multiple invitations to different email addresses, please only accept one and decline the others.

Upon accepting the invitation, we'll be asking you to complete a user profile (including linking DBLP, Google Scholar, and Semantic Scholar profiles). This information will be a key input in deciding which papers to allocate to you.

AAAI-21 will employ a multi-tiered management system, in which we have two program committee co-chairs (Kevin and Mausam) and two associate chairs (Gabriele and Yan), Area Chairs (AC), Senior Program Committee members (SPC), and Program Committee members (PC). (If you are familiar with NeurIPS, in AAAI-21 ACs will correspond to Senior ACs; SPCs will correspond to Area Chairs; and PCs will correspond to reviewers.)

Each paper will be assigned to between 2-4 PCs (as described below), one SPC, and one AC. The PC members will be tasked with writing initial independent reviews.

Here are some key dates relevant for PCs:

Sep 2 – Sep 5: bid for Phase 1 papers

Sep 12 – Oct 7 : complete the review assignment for your Phase 1 papers

Sep 30 – Oct 5: bid for Phase 2 papers

Oct 8 – Nov 3: complete the review assignment for your Phase 2 papers
Nov 6 – Nov 17: participate in discussion phase and update the reviews if necessary

It's worth noting a few ways that the conference will be different in 2021 than in the past:

- Most notably, of course, AAAI 2021 will be a virtual conference.
- We'll have later-than-usual submission and notification dates (Sept 1; Dec 1 respectively) due to cascading COVID-related delays among major conferences.
- We're pioneering a two-phase reviewing system: each paper will get two reviews in Phase 1; we'll then reject papers without support. Remaining papers will then receive another two reviews in Phase 2, after which there will be an author response phase, only for papers that were not rejected in Phase 1.
- We'll allow "fast track" submissions from NeurIPS and EMNLP, whose decision dates come after our submission date. Specifically, we'll allow submission of high-scoring rejected papers from these conferences directly into Phase 2. To qualify, authors will need to include previous reviews, paper ID, etc., and we'll verify these with NeurIPS/EMNLP.

For more details about all of this, please see the Call for Papers:
<https://aaai.org/Conferences/AAAI-21/aaai21call/>

Again, we very much hope that we'll be able to have your help in organizing AAAI 2021.

Thanks,

Kevin Leyton-Brown, University of British Columbia
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Program Co-Chairs, AAAI 2021

Yan Liu, University of Southern California
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Associate Program Co-Chairs, AAAI 2021

Please contact aaai21chairs-pc@aaai.org if you have any further questions about this invitation.

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