NSF NeTS Early-Career Investigators
Workshop ‘15
July 30 and 31, 2015
Waterview Conference Center, Arlington, VA

Objective:
With support from the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Networking Technology and Systems Early-Career Investigators (NeTS-ECI) Workshop is aimed at developing the early-career NeTS research community to address emerging challenges and pursue promising research opportunities in the domain of computer and information networking. NeTS-ECI provides an opportunity for early-career researchers (see below for eligibility) to engage in discussions with peers to share perspectives and explore new research frontiers. Each workshop participant will also have an opportunity to showcase his/her research interests, build a collaborator network, kick-start collaborations, and benefit from professional development activities such as presentations on the NSF merit review process and elements of successful NSF proposals.

Organization:
Participation in the Early-Career Investigators workshop is thus prioritized for early-career researchers. Prospective participants must be either current Ph.D. students who are within 1 year from the completion of their Ph.D. degrees, or early-career Ph.D. graduates (postdoctoral fellows, research scientists, and assistant professors) who received their Ph.D. degrees within the last 3 years.

Prospective participants are asked to submit position papers to be considered for invitation (format below). The program committee will select invitees based on the quality of position papers and the contributors’ backgrounds to ensure a balanced representation from the community. Each invitee will be provided with a fixed travel subsidy. Invitees are expected to leverage additional funding from their home institutions to participate in the workshop.

The 2015 NeTS-ECI Workshop will take place over two days in July 2015 in Arlington, Virginia. Workshop activities will include keynotes and plenaries from the community as well as short talks selected from the pool of position papers. The workshop will also include three breakout sessions and two poster sessions. The poster sessions will foster networking
among participants who will have an opportunity to showcase their research interests to build collaborative relationships with one another.

**Workshop Co-Chairs:** Aditya Akella (UW-Madison), Z. Morley Mao (U. of Michigan)

**Program Committee Members:** TBD

**Government Sponsors:** Darleen Fisher (NSF), Wenjing Lou (NSF), Thyaga Nandagopal (NSF), and Tho Nguyen (AAAS Fellow at NSF)

**Paper Submissions:**

We invite position paper contributions from senior graduate students (who are within 1 year from the completion of their Ph.D. degrees) and early-career Ph.D. graduates (who received their Ph.D. degrees within the last 3 years).

Interested participants should submit a document containing the following information:

1. One-page research position statement broadly outlining applicant’s research interests, in addition to giving some details on at least one specific problem the applicant is working on or proposes to work on within the broad research area of networking. For the specific research problem described, the applicant should clearly explain the research challenges and argue why the proposed approach is promising.
2. One-paragraph biosketch of the applicant.
3. One paragraph describing how the applicant believes attending the workshop would be beneficial to advance his/her research career.

Please submit at: [https://nets-career15.cs.wisc.edu/hotcrp/](https://nets-career15.cs.wisc.edu/hotcrp/)

**Important Details:**

**Workshop dates:** July 30 and 31, 2015
**Location:** Waterview Conference Center, Arlington, VA
**Submissions due:** 5pm EDT, June 15, 2015
**Notification of acceptance:** June 22, 2015
**Registration deadline:** June 30, 2015

Questions regarding this workshop may be addressed to the workshop Co-Chairs at [nets-eci-chairs@umich.edu](mailto:nets-eci-chairs@umich.edu) to reach Aditya Akella and Z. Morley Mao.

*Please consider contributing to, and participating in, this important event.*