

CSAW'20 Applied Research Competition Rules & Submission Guidelines

APPLIED RESEARCH COMPETITION

This competition assesses the top scholarly security research from the previous year. With eligibility limited to previously published papers or camera-ready papers, CSAW's "best paper award" has a reputation for drawing some of the best security research worldwide. Student authors whose papers are selected via the Preliminary Review are invited to present at CSAW Finals. For 2020, Final events will be held virtually. See "CSAW FINAL EVENT STATUS & LOCATIONS" below for updates.

ELIGIBLE SUBMISSIONS

Eligible submissions include papers that meet the following four conditions:

1. Paper topic is related to the design, application, implementation, or exploitation of security technologies
2. Paper is published or camera-ready between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020. Both conference papers and journal papers are eligible.
3. At least one of the paper authors was a student enrolled at a university located in one of the following regions (below) during the publishing period, 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020. Papers are still eligible for submission if the student graduated during this period so long as the published or camera-ready paper was submitted while the author was still a student.

Europe: Armenia, the European Union, Norway, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom; ~~track is not open yet~~ Track is open and accepting submissions

India: ~~track is not open yet~~ Track is open and accepting submissions

Israel: ~~participation status for 2020 is pending; track is not open yet~~; Track is open and accepting submissions

MENA: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Chad, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United

Arab Emirates, and Yemen; ~~track is not open yet~~ track is open and accepting submissions

North America: Canada, Mexico, and the United States; track is open and accepting submissions

4. A student author is available to present the paper virtually during CSAW Finals

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Submission Portal

Papers are to be submitted via [EasyChair](#). First time users will be asked to create an EasyChair account.

Track & University Affiliation

Users will be asked to select their track based on the region or country where the student author's university is located as defined below. Track selection is important because it determines the CSAW region where finalists will compete.

If your track is unavailable to select in EasyChair, this means that the track is not open yet, or the submission deadline has passed. We anticipate that all tracks will open by the end of June 2020.

CSAW Europe: for any student author enrolled at a university located in Armenia, the European Union, Norway, Switzerland, or the United Kingdom.

CSAW India: for any student author enrolled at a university located in India.

CSAW Israel: for any student author enrolled at a university located in Israel.

CSAW MENA: for any student author enrolled at a university located in Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Chad, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, or Yemen

CSAW North America: for any student author enrolled at a university located in Canada, Mexico, or the United States

Multiple University Affiliations

Should your published paper have more than one university affiliation, please select the track based on the university affiliation of the student author who is *expected* to present at Finals if selected during the preliminary review round.

Paper Format

Papers should be submitted as a PDF file, maintaining the original template that was required by the publisher or conference.

Submission Link

Follow this link to submit your paper via EasyChair:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=csaw20>

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Submissions will be accepted through 6 September 2020. Individual CSAW regions (tracks) may decide to extend submission deadlines. Any extensions will be posted on the CSAW website.

PRELIMINARY REVIEW PROCESS

After the submission phase closes, papers are reviewed and assessed by practitioners, academics, and industry experts. Each CSAW region has their own preliminary review committee. For each region, the strongest papers will be identified, and finalists — typically, the first student author of the paper — will be invited to compete at Finals. We anticipate that 10 papers will be selected per region.

FINALIST NOTIFICATION

Submission authors -- finalists and non-finalists -- will be notified of their status via email no later than 7 October 2020.

Finalist teams will then be asked to identify the student author (“finalist”) who will present their team’s research at CSAW Finals.

Following notification, and with the authors’ permission, a list of published papers will be posted on the CSAW website.

CSAW FINAL EVENT STATUS & LOCATIONS

Last update: 03 August 2020

CSAW'20 Finals will be hosted by five global academic centers as virtual events, 5 - 8 November 2020. Conference agendas vary by location.

The region where finalists “compete” is based on the finalists’ university affiliation, as described under “Track & University Affiliation.”

- CSAW Europe, hosted by Grenoble INP-Esisar (Valence, France)
- CSAW India, hosted by Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (Kanpur, India)
- CSAW Israel, hosted by Ben-Gurion University (Be’er Sheva, Israel)
- CSAW US-Canada, hosted by NYU Tandon School of Engineering (Brooklyn, New York, USA)
- CSAW MENA, hosted by NYU Abu Dhabi (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates)

FINAL PRESENTATIONS

Virtual participation in CSAW Finals is contingent upon finalists’ ability to adhere to the remote presentation guidelines. These details will be provided to finalists at the point of finalist notification.

Virtual poster presentation formats may vary by region. We anticipate that Final presentations will take place on Friday, 6 November and an award ceremony will be held on the morning of Sunday, 8 November. Additionally, we anticipate that finalists will have 10 minutes to present their papers to a panel of judges, followed by a question and answer period. Judges typically hold senior management or high-level research positions within the security industry.

A 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner is identified for each region.

PRIZES

Prizes vary by region. Please check the appropriate CSAW regional webpage for details.

USE OF PERSONAL DATA

Use of Personal Data Personal data (ie, name, school, email) that is collected through the registration process is accessible only by the competition organizers and is used for the following purposes:

- Reminding registrants of competition timelines, rules, and updates
- Sending occasional updates regarding future CSAW events
- Determining and contacting finalist teams and team members
- Examining multi-year participation of teams and individual player
- Determining and reporting total number of teams and total estimated individual participation
- Determining and reporting demographic trends related to participation, such as what countries have the highest number of teams participating

CSAW will not rent, sell, or share personal data with anyone other than the competition organizers

CONTACT

csaw-research@nyu.edu