Mentoring Experiences for Underrepresented Young Researchers (ME-UYR)

Call for Student Applications

Application deadline: December 1, 2021

What is it?

The Mentoring Experiences for Underrepresented Young Researchers (ME-UYR) is a mentoring program financed by the IEEE Signal Processing Society (SPS).

- ME-UYR helps you to establish a connection with a mentor at another university.
- You and your mentor work on a research topic in speech/language/signal processing, write a paper together, and submit it to an IEEE conference or workshop.
- IEEE provides funding for you to attend the conference or workshop (irrespective of whether the paper is accepted).

Who can apply?

Applications are invited from undergraduate and graduate (BSc/BA/MSc/MA/PhD) student members of the IEEE SPS who are female, or are members of a racial, ethnic, or regional group that is underrepresented in the IEEE SPS.

How do I apply?

We will hold an online connecting event between interested students and potential mentors on October 28th at 11:00 Eastern Time (send an email to `mailto:sp-me-uyr@listserv.ieee.org` to register for the event and watch this URL for announcements: `https://signalprocessingsociety.org/community-involvement/me-uyr-mentoring-experiences-underrepresented-young-researchers-program`). Contact a mentor you meet at the connecting event, or any other member of the IEEE SPS. Write a proposal together, which should be no more than 1 page (minimum 11-point font, minimum 2.5cm margins, A4 or 8.5x11 paper). It should cover the following points:

- Names and affiliations of the student and potential mentor
- Start and end date of the project
- Aims and methods: Brief outline of the aims of the project and the proposed methods
- Resources: Overview of needed resources, and confirmation that mentor can provide these
- Impact: Brief narrative describing the impact of this project on your career goals

Proposal should be submitted to `mailto:sp-me-uyr@listserv.ieee.org` by December 1, 2021.

What will happen if my application is accepted?

- Students and mentors work together and have remote meetings for nine months.
- The mentor can provide data and computing resources.
- The student will be connected with the lab of the mentor, and when/where possible, with the network of the mentor (e.g., at workshops/conferences)
- After nine months, you submit a paper together.
- Whether the paper is accepted or not, IEEE will fund your attendance at the conference/workshop.
- An event in conjunction with the annual ICASSP conference will also be organized to bring students and mentors together to share their experiences.