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**46th DAC to Offer Alumni Scholarship Program**

*Will Enable 65 Qualified Engineers without Personal Resources or Corporate Support to Attend Premier Industry Conference*

**LOUISVILLE, Colo. – May 6, 2009** – The 46th Design Automation Conference – [www.dac.com](http://www.dac.com) – (DAC) today announced that applications for its annual “DAC Alumni Scholarship” program will be accepted now through Friday, June 26.

The Alumni Scholarship program is open to integrated circuit (IC) design and electronic design automation (EDA) engineers who are between jobs and without personal resources or corporate support for their DAC attendance. The program will enable up to 50 qualified engineers to attend this year’s DAC, which will be held July 26-31 at the Moscone Center in San Francisco. An additional 15 qualified engineers, currently ACM/SIGDA members, will be supported through a separate grant from ACM’s Special Interest Group on Design Automation.

DAC Alumni scholarships, valued at approximately \$500 each, will be awarded by lottery to those engineers who have attended DAC in the past, with extra consideration given to those who have participated in EDA industry activities. These full-conference scholarships do not include transportation and housing. Awardees whose employment situation changes prior to the conference will be asked to return their scholarship to enable another applicant to attend.

Additionally, exhibit passes will be awarded to all qualified applicants who do not receive a full scholarship. An exhibit pass provides access to DAC’s four-day, industry-leading exhibition, where approximately 200 EDA, intellectual property (IP), design services and foundry services

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providers present their latest technologies, tools and services. The exhibit pass also allows entry to all keynote sessions, as well as the Exhibitor Forum and Pavilion Panel sessions on the exhibit floor.

Limor Fix, associate director of the Intel Research Pittsburgh laboratory and Past Chair on this year's DAC Executive Committee, oversees the conference's Professional Development activities. Dr. Fix notes: "DAC is an integral part of the design automation community, and its sponsors and executive committee believe that everyone who is part of our community should be able to attend."

Andrew B. Kahng, general chair of the 46th DAC, adds: "Especially this year, it is important for designers, tool users and EDA engineers to be able to meet again at DAC. The Alumni Scholarship program reaches out to past and future customers and developers of electronic design technology, so that they can stay connected to the latest industry developments and networking opportunities. We are grateful to the DAC sponsors for making an expanded program possible this year."

Applications must be submitted via an online confidential form found on the DAC Web site: <http://www.dac.com/46th/alumni.html>. Recipients of scholarships will be notified by July 9.

### **About DAC**

The Design Automation Conference (DAC) is recognized as the premier event for the design of electronic circuits and systems, and for Electronic Design Automation (EDA) and silicon solutions. A diverse worldwide community representing more than 1,000 organizations attends each year, from system designers and architects, logic and circuit designers, validation engineers, CAD managers, senior managers and executives to researchers and academicians from leading universities. Close to 60 technical sessions selected by a committee of electronic design experts offer information on recent developments and trends, management practices and new products, methodologies and technologies. A highlight of DAC is its Exhibition and Suite area with approximately 200 of the leading and emerging EDA, silicon, IP and design services providers. The conference is sponsored by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), the Electronic Design Automation Consortium (EDA Consortium), and the Institute of Electrical and

Electronics Engineers (IEEE). In addition, the conference is supported by ACM's Special Interest Group on Design Automation (SIGDA), IEEE's Council on Electronic Design Automation (CEDA), Circuits and Systems Society (CASS), and Computer Aided Network Design (CANDE). More details are available at: [www.dac.com](http://www.dac.com).

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