

Student Scholarships to Attend the Tapia Celebration of Diversity in Computing

The Empowering Leadership: Computing Scholars of Tomorrow Alliance (ELAlliance) is funding scholarships for both undergraduate and graduate students to attend the 2009 Richard Tapia Celebration of Diversity in Computing Conference to be held April 1-4 in Portland, Oregon. The deadline for applications is February 28.

The EL Alliance scholarships, which will cover travel, hotel accommodations, meals, and conference registration, are designed to broaden participation in the conference by funding those who have not attended in the past.

We believe there are lots of students scattered across the country who have not previously attended that would benefit from participating. This conference is a community gathering. It can provide a strong support system for those students who may feel isolated in their computing programs.

Students often characterize this conference as transformative. "I attended the conference for the first time in 2007, and it was amazing," said Quincy Brown, Drexel University, Computer Science PhD candidate. "Being surrounded by so many students and computing leaders with common interests helped to re-energize me for my research." An application form for the ELA scholarships can be found at <https://my.rice.edu/survey/entry.jsp?id=1232976794225>.

Questions about the ELA scholarship program can be sent to info@empoweringleadership.org.

About the Tapia Celebration - <http://tapiaconference.org/2009>: The Tapia 2009 Celebration is aimed at providing a supportive networking environment for under-represented groups across the broad range of computing and information technology, from science to business to the arts to infrastructure. Tapia 2009, the fifth in the conference series, is organized by the Coalition to Diversify Computing and sponsored by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) in cooperation with the Computing Research Association (CRA) and the IEEE Computer Society (IEEE-CS).

About the Empowering Leadership Alliance - <http://empoweringleadership.org>: The Empowering Leadership Alliance is an NSF Broadening Participation in Computing alliance of dedicated students, faculty, and staff, that provides experiences and programs that aim to ensure the success of minority scholars in computing at research institutions.

If we can provide any additional information about the conference or the EL Alliance scholarships, please write to info@empoweringleadership.org.