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Submissions and Dates
Electronic submission in PDF format is required. Students should submit an abstract describing their research no later than January 21, 2005. Abstracts must be no longer than 2 pages including references, and formatted in AAAI two-column, camera-ready style. Instructions about how to submit abstracts will be available at the AAAI conference web site (www.aaai.org/Conferences/National/2005/aaai05.html) after October 1, 2004. Papers exceeding the specified length and formatting requirements are subject to rejection without review.

The abstract must include the following: title; the primary author’s full name, affiliation, postal address, phone number, URL (if available), and e-mail address; all coauthors’ full names and affiliations; text; and any figures, tables, or diagrams. The abstract should also contain a URL of a location where reviewers can access complementary material about the student’s research. The URL is critical to reviewers because of the brevity of the hard-copy submission.

Notification of acceptance or rejection of submitted abstracts will be mailed to the author by March 18, 2005. Camera-ready copy of accepted abstracts will be due by April 5, 2005.

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