

Call for Videos



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AAAI solicits submissions for the second annual video competition! Its goal is to show the world how much fun AI is by documenting exciting artificial intelligence advances in research, education, and application. The rules are simple: Compose a short video about an exciting AI project, and narrate it so that it is accessible to a broad online audience. Accepted videos will be screened in the AAAI-08 registration area on Tuesday, 15 July 2008. During that evening's session, the developers of the best videos will be formally presented with awards. We strongly encourage student participation. So go ahead and make a cool online video about your AI project, and get a ton of attention!

Video Formats

Choose to make either a 1 minute (max) "short video" or a 5 minute (max) "long video," with English narration (or subtitles). Consider combining screen shots, interviews, and video of a system in action. Make the video self-contained, so that newcomers to AI can understand and learn from it. We encourage a good sense of humor, but will only accept submissions with serious AI content. Your video might cover contemporary research, or document seminal AI research in the past. Creativity is encouraged!

New for 2008

New for 2008 is first, the Educational Video Track (managed by Michael Bowling, as part of the AI Teaching Forum) for classroom-focused videos; and second, the Special Achievement Award.

Submissions

Submit your video to a publicly-accessible [www](http://www.aaai.org) site and notify the co-chairs: David Aha (david.aha@nrl.navy.mil) and Sebastian Thrun (thrun@stanford.edu). Videos must not contain any copyrighted video, audio, or characters. Developers of accepted videos will be asked to sign release and copyright forms.

Key Dates

Submission Deadline: 4 April 2008
Reviewing Decision Notifications and Award Nominations: 25 April 2008
Final Versions Due: 23 May 2008
Screening and Award Presentations: 15 July 2008 (tentative)

Reviewing

Reviewing will be conducted by a committee that will be formed by the co-chairs. Reviewing criteria (from most to least-weighted) will be as follows:

- Relevance to AI (research, instructional, and/or application)
- Degree of excitement: Entertainment value, enticing, novelty, etc.
- Educational content
- Presentation
- Award Categories
- Best (Long), Best Short, Best Student, Best Educational, and Most Visionary. (Other categories may be added at the discretion of the co-chairs.)

Awards

Trophies named in honor of SRI's Shakey robot and its inspirational video.

Sponsors

Thanks to Microsoft Research for sponsoring the awards, and to the Joief Stefan Institute's PASCAL project for technical support.

AI Video Competition Co-chairs

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