

THE BIENNIAL CLINTON BEDOGNI PRIZE FOR OPEN SYSTEMS

The Clinton Bedogni Prize for Open Systems will be awarded to the New Zealand individual (whether from academia or industry) who has made the greatest contribution to the field of Open Systems in the past two years. The definition of Open Systems will be broadly interpreted and refers to interoperable systems with standards-based and well documented framework of functionality and interfaces – not necessarily, but preferably, Free and Open Source.

This Prize is envisaged to distinguish and encourage New Zealanders working in this field.

Background

The University of Auckland, acting through the Department of Computer Science has received and administers a memorial fund from the Bedogni family in commemoration of their eldest son, Clinton Bedogni, who died in June 2005. Clinton had a deep passion for computers and at the time of his death had developed an intense interest and capability in the Free and Open Source Linux Operating System.

The gift comprises two endowment funds: one supports in perpetuity the Clinton Bedogni Fellowship in Open Systems Research in the Department of Computer Science, and the second supports a biennial \$10,000 Clinton Bedogni Prize in Open Systems the conditions of which are set out below.

Prize and Eligibility

The Clinton Bedogni Prize is cash award of NZ\$ 10,000 normally paid in one instalment.

New Zealand citizens and permanent residents, as individuals, are eligible.

Organisation and Governance

The Clinton Bedogni Prize event is being administered by the University of Auckland, acting through Department of Computer Science.

An Evaluation Committee shall be appointed by the Head of Department which will include the current Bedogni Fellow and two other prominent individuals from industry, academia, government and NGOs who have relevant expertise in the field of Open Systems. The Bedogni Family may also nominate a member of the Evaluation Committee.

Conditions of the Prize

The applicant understands that the following criteria should be met to be awarded the Clinton Bedogni Prize for Open Systems:

1. The applicant is a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
2. Submitted works cover the two year period prior to the closing date for application.
3. Description of the works fit into the following definition of Open Systems:
“The definition of Open Systems is broad and includes interoperable systems with a standards-based and well documented framework of functionality and interfaces – not necessarily, but preferably, Free and Open Source”
4. Neither the works nor software products based on these works are protected by or in the process of acquiring local or international patents.
5. Shortlisted applicants need to attend the interview (for which at least a two week notice will be given) either physically or through a teleconference.

Timeline

The closing date for applications is 31st of July each year in which the Prize is offered.

After an evaluation period, the prize giving is anticipated to be around the last quarter of the year.

Application

The applications will be made electronically by email. A completed application form and other requested information should be sent to bedogniprize@cs.auckland.ac.nz. For large files (>5 MB) URL links should be provided in the email.

The following information is required to be submitted:

1. Application form
2. Recent CV
3. Description of works and nature of applicant’s contribution to Open Systems in past two years at the time of application (5 pages)
4. Evidence of impact (1 page): i.e. web hits, awards, any other indicator showing impact and significance
5. Supporting material (any digital media)

For further information and instructions please visit the official Clinton Bedogni Prize Website: <http://www.cs.auckland.ac.nz/bedogniprize>

Evaluation Criteria and Process

The evaluation criteria are:

- The quality and significance of the works
- The degree and nature of the applicant's contribution to these works
- The beneficial impact of applicant's work on Open Systems over the period, and how that affected the acceptance and use of Open Systems

Top candidates will be shortlisted and interviewed (either face to face or by teleconference) by the Evaluation Committee.