8th International Symposium on
Search Based Software Engineering (SSBSE 2016)

Research Paper Track
We invite the submission of high quality papers describing novel and original work in all areas of Search-Based Software Engineering including, but not limited to, applications of SBSE to novel problems, theoretical analyses of search algorithms for software engineering, rigorous empirical evaluations of SBSE techniques, and reports of industrial experiences. SSBSE welcomes not only applications from throughout the software engineering lifecycle but also a broad range of search methods ranging from exact Operational Research techniques to nature-inspired algorithms and simulated annealing. We particularly encourage papers that report on software engineering applications to which SBSE has not been applied before. Research papers must have up to 15 pages in length, including all text, figures, references and appendices.

Short Paper Track
We also invite short papers presenting new ideas, tools, experience reports, or novel techniques and ideas, which will be included in the proceedings and presented at the symposium. Papers submitted to this track should not exceed 6 pages in length using the regular symposium format.

Graduate Student Track
We also invite students to submit papers to a special Graduate Student track. This track gives students the opportunity to showcase their SBSE research and receive feedback from senior members of the SBSE community. Papers submitted to this track should not exceed 6 pages in length using the regular symposium format. To be eligible, papers should be primarily the work of students currently registered on a doctoral or master program that have not yet completed their studies. The paper may have co-authors who are not students but the student author is expected to present the paper at the symposium.

SBSE Challenge Track
We challenge everyone interested in SBSE to apply tools, techniques, and algorithms to our selected problems. We want you to apply your SBSE expertise to do interesting things to or with the software and uncover interesting things related to it. The best competition entries will be awarded special prizes. Challenge papers should not exceed 6 pages in length using the regular symposium format.

Conference Proceedings
Accepted papers will be published in a volume of the Springer Lecture Notes in Computer Science series (LNCS).

Best Paper Awards and Travel Grants
Research and Student papers accepted for presentation at SSBSE 2016 will be considered for prizes. More details about prizes and travel grants will be announced on the website.

Special Issue for Best Papers
The authors of best selected papers will be invited to submit extended versions of their papers for a special section in the Journal of Information and Software Technology (IST).

Key Dates
RESEARCH PAPER TRACK
Abstract submission April 13, 2016
Paper Submission April 20, 2016
Notification May 31, 2016

SHORT PAPER, GRADUATE STUDENT, AND SBSE CHALLENGE TRACKS
Paper Submission May 16, 2016
Notification June 10, 2016
Camera Ready June 15, 2016

More details, format and submission instruction are available at http://ssbse.org/2016/