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### ACM and CSTA Announce Application Process Open for Cutler-Bell Prize

**September 13, 2017** – The Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and the Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA) announced that the Cutler-Bell Prize application process is now open. Eligible applicants include graduating High School Seniors residing and attending school in the United States. Interested applicants must develop a project/artifact that engages modern computing technology and computer science. Judges will review the submissions to make sure they demonstrate ingenuity, complexity, relevancy, originality, and the desire to further computer science as a discipline.

The submission guidelines are: projects should be new or current projects; students must submit a computing artifact electronically that addresses the criteria for the scholarship; and a K-12 teacher knowledgeable in computing must serve as an adviser to the student(s) and offer minimal assistance. Teachers and peers are encouraged to test and debug final projects prior to submission. The deadline for submissions <http://www.csteachers.org/page/CutlerBell> is **November 1, 2017**. The winners are expected to be announced in February 2018.

The Cutler-Bell Prize promotes the field of computer science and empowers students to pursue computing challenges beyond the traditional classroom environment. David Cutler and Gordon Bell established the award in 2016. Cutler is a software engineer, designer, and developer of several operating systems at Digital Equipment Corporation. Bell, an electrical engineer, is researcher emeritus at Microsoft Research.

Up to four Cutler-Bell Prize winners will each receive a \$10,000 cash prize. The prize amount is sent to the financial aid office of the institution the student will be attending in 2018 and is then put toward each student's tuition or disbursed. The Cutler-Bell Prize recipients will be formally recognized at the Computer Science Teachers Association's annual conference, July 7-10, in Omaha, Nebraska.

The winning projects illustrate the diverse applications being developed by the next generation of computer scientists. For more information about ACM/CSTA Cutler-Bell Prize in High School Computing, visit <http://awards.acm.org/cutler-bell/> and <http://www.csteachers.org/CutlerBell>.

**About Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)**

ACM [www.acm.org](http://www.acm.org) is the world's largest educational and scientific computing society, uniting computing educators, researchers and professionals to inspire dialogue, share resources and address the field's challenges. ACM strengthens the computing profession's collective voice through strong leadership, promotion of the highest standards, and recognition of technical excellence. ACM supports the professional growth of its members by providing opportunities for lifelong learning, career development, and professional networking.

**About Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA)**

CSTA's [www.csteachers.org](http://www.csteachers.org) mission is to empower, engage and advocate for K-12 computer science teachers worldwide. CSTA is a membership organization which supports and promotes the teaching of computer science and other computing disciplines. The Association for Computing Machinery founded CSTA as part of its commitment to K-12 computer science education.

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