



Press Release
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AT&T and Nokia Siemens Networks kick off 2008 IMS Research Competition at Georgia Institute of Technology

Students will create cutting edge mobile applications using state of the art network equipment to compete for cash prizes and internships

AT&T and Nokia Siemens Networks have begun the second year of the IMS Research Competition for undergraduate and post-graduate students at the Georgia Institute of Technology. The goal of the competition is to research, build, and prototype next-generation mobile applications using an IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) platform – a network communications platform delivered by AT&T and Nokia Siemens Networks. The competition will begin in the Spring semester 2008.

Student teams will compete in one of three categories: Innovation, Higher Education, and Contextual Usage – all categories have been identified as key growth areas in the wireless communications industry. Students will have unparalleled access to commercial-grade network equipment supplied by Nokia Siemens Networks. The IMS lab is located in the Georgia Electronic Design Center (GEDC), and is co-operated by GTMobilesphere and participating vendors. In addition to the application prototype, students will be judged on a business plan outlining how they would market and launch their application.

Students are competing for \$45,000 in cash prizes to be divided among each category, and up to eight internships at AT&T and Nokia Siemens Networks, two of the world's leading companies in their respective fields.

“Georgia Tech is thrilled that AT&T and Nokia Siemens Networks are again offering our students the opportunity to innovate in one of the most dynamic areas of technology today,” said Ron Hutchins, Associate Vice Provost for Research and Technology and Chief Technology Officer at Georgia Tech. “Real world experience is critical to the success of our students, and this competition offers them the rare opportunity to work with industry leaders and state of the art technology that very few academic institutions have access to today.”

Representatives from AT&T, Nokia Siemens Networks and Georgia Tech will host a kickoff event to formally announce the competition to students on November 28, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., at the Technology Square Research Building at Georgia Tech. The event will feature a panel of technical and marketing experts from AT&T, Nokia Siemens Networks and Georgia Tech who will supply insight on the communications industry to help students prepare for both the technical and business aspects of the competition.

For members of the media interested in attending the event on November 28, please call one of the contacts listed below.

For more information on the IMS Research Competition and a copy of the Official Rules, visit <http://forgedbyims-research-competition.com>.



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Web Site Links:

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[IMS Research Competition Web Site](#)

Editor's Note:

IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) is an open industry standard for voice and multimedia communications over packet-based IP networks, defined by the 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP), a global standards body for 3rd generation mobile technology. IMS is a core network technology that can deliver Internet and IP multimedia services to consumers using virtually any type device across any type of access technology, including DSL, WiMAX, GPRS, WLAN and others. Operators deploying IMS can deliver new services to customers at lower costs and with IMS-based services, users can enjoy a richer communications experience, with the ability to access information and services -- and communicate with virtually anyone, anywhere, anytime.

About AT&T

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The Georgia Institute of Technology is one of the nation's premiere research universities. Ranked seventh among U.S. News & World Report's top public universities, Georgia Tech's more than 18,000 students are enrolled in its Colleges of Architecture, Computing, Engineering, Liberal Arts, Management and Sciences. Tech is among the nation's top producers of women and African-American engineers. The Institute offers research opportunities to both undergraduate and graduate students and is home to more than 100 interdisciplinary units plus the Georgia Tech Research Institute. During the 2004-2005 academic year, Georgia Tech reached \$357 million in new research award funding. The



Institute also maintains an international presence with campuses in France and Singapore and partnerships throughout the world. More about Georgia Tech at <http://www.gatech.edu>.

About GEDC

The Georgia Electronic Design Center (GEDC) supports world-class research, active and solution-oriented industry collaboration, intellectual property generation and revenue generating commercialization efforts. GEDC collaborates with more than 45 member companies and federal agency partners, conducting approximately \$12 million in research each year. GEDC's research is broadly focused on fostering technology at the intersection of today's communications applications: wireless/RF, wired/copper and fiber channels. The activities of GEDC provide the State of Georgia the opportunity to grow and expand its technology leadership in the design of broadband (high-speed) communications systems, devices and integrated circuits. The Center is specifically focused on enabling the mobile internet with innovative research on mixed-signal systems which are at the boundary between telecommunications, microelectronics, analog/RF and sensing technologies. These efforts produce partnerships with industry that attract new jobs to the state and support smaller, start-up companies that create new jobs for Georgians.

About GTMobilesphere

Georgia Tech Mobilesphere exists to accelerate innovation in mobility and convergence by enabling communities of collaboration. Members of GTMobilesphere are leaders in wireless, telecom, and cable, plus equipment, application, and content providers. GTMobilesphere provides researchers from across campus with access to unique network infrastructure in a realistic operational setting. GTMobilesphere leverages the unique position of GT as a pre-eminent network and network service hub in the state, the region and increasingly in the world.

About Nokia Siemens Networks

Nokia Siemens Networks is a leading global enabler of communications services. The company provides a complete, well-balanced product portfolio of mobile and fixed network infrastructure solutions and addresses the growing demand for services with 20,000 service professionals worldwide. Nokia Siemens Networks is one of the largest telecommunications infrastructure companies with operations in 150 countries. The company is headquartered in Espoo, Finland.

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