



## SAIC Awards \$50,000 to The University of Kent to Support Biometric Research Competition

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Company To Help Highlight Innovative Academic Work in Biometrics

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(McLEAN, Va.) June 10, 2010 -- Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) [NYSE: SAI] today announced it has awarded \$50,000 to the University of Kent, United Kingdom (UK), to help support its Biometric Research Competition competition, which highlights innovative academic work in the Biometrics field.

The competition, designed to foster bold and innovative biometric ideas, seeks to uncover potentially influential concepts in biometrics from up-and-coming UK researchers currently working toward their doctorate degree in the field.

For the competition, students submit research papers describing their work in biometrics and its potential impact and benefits to the industry. An expert panel of judges will review and select papers for presentation during a workshop at the University' Canterbury campus on July 15 where winners will be announced. The winning student will be flown to the United States to participate with SAIC in the 2010 Biometrics Consortium Conference and Biometric Technology Expo, held September 21- 23 in Tampa, Fla. Students will also visit SAIC's headquarters in McLean, Va. to present their project to SAIC leadership.

"This challenge will encourage university students to work with industry to adopt innovative and creative solutions, solve complex problems, think strategically and use project management skills," said Michael Fairhurst, Professor of Computer Vision at the University of Kent's School of Engineering and Digital Arts. "It will help position these students to pursue careers in biometrics and leverage their abilities to help solve some of the world's most complex problems."

SAIC previously signed an agreement with the University of Kent on behalf of the United Kingdom Biometrics Institute (UKBI) to collaborate on biometric and identity projects in 2006. Fostered by efforts of the UK Trade & Investment (UKTI), the agreement aims to maximize cooperation from academia, industry and government in collaborative research and development.

"SAIC is pleased to partner with academia in identifying new and innovative ideas in biometrics today," said Harry Helmich, SAIC vice president and division manager. "The Biometric Research Competition is an effective way to engage with academia and uncover innovative work by young researchers. We might just find the next big idea that helps solve a problem of global importance."

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