



2008 UCSD Data Mining Contest



- The **UCSD Data Mining Contest** offers students a chance to test their data mining skill on a real-world data set.
 - See <http://mill.ucsd.edu> for details
 - The contest runs from **March 25th** through **June 15th**
- This year's contest focuses on two types of classification:
 - **Standard Classification Task:** Correctly classify the results of a scientific experiment given fully labeled training data
 - **Positive-Only Semi-Supervised Task:** Correctly classify the results of a scientific experiment given partially labeled training data
- There are **many** reasons to participate:
 - Practical experience is the best way to learn
 - The winner of each contest/division will receive **prize money – \$8000** is up for grabs – as well as 2 years membership in Xpress-MP Academic Partner Program
 - Success in the competition looks great on a resume (graduate admissions, jobs, fellowships)
- All undergraduate students, graduate students and postdoctoral researchers studying full-time at an accredited college or university world wide may enter and compete for prizes.

The UCSD Student Data Mining Contest is sponsored by Fair Isaac Corp (<http://www.fairisaac.com>). It is an academic contest designed to give students hands on experience with real world data mining problems. To learn more, go to <http://mill.ucsd.edu>.