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The Association for Computing Machinery India (**ACM India**) is pleased to announce the award of two **Turing Centenary Scholarships** to attend the **ACM Turing Centenary** event in San Francisco from 15-16 June 2012 (http://turing100.acm.org/index.cfm?p=home).

The winners were selected unanimously by a distinguished jury from applications made by computer science graduate and postgraduate students from all over India. **Professor P.J. Narayanan**, **co-Chair of ACM India** and Dean of Research at IIIT Hyderabad said: "We are delighted with the response we received. The two winners were chosen unanimously and now will be able to participate in the event of a lifetime. It will be a unique experience as 34 Turing Award winners will be present to talk about the past and future of computing. These scholarships are part of ACM India's continuing commitment to growing research in computer science in India and providing opportunities for students and faculty to participate in major international events."

Winners

1. Abhisekh Sankaran. PhD student, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Powai
2. Nitin Saurabh, PhD student, Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Chennai

Abhisekh Sankaran: "It is indeed an honour to be able to meet so many Turing award winners in person … I'm sure I will come back thoroughly inspired!"

Nitin Saurabh: "It provides a great opportunity to meet the leading researchers and innovators in the computing community and learn from them. I believe it would give me a wider perspective to the kind of research being done."

The ACM Turing Award is widely recognized as the 'Nobel Prize' for computing. It has been awarded annually since 1966 for a lifetime of achievement in computer science. Professor Raj Reddy of Carnegie-Mellon University is the only Indian among the winners.

Alan Turing was an English mathematician who laid the foundation for modern computer science through his pioneering work on computability and decidability. In his short life, Turing worked in many areas including formal program verification, artificial intelligence, chess programs, neural nets and computer design though he is probably best known for his critical work on code breaking in the Second World War. Turing died in 1954 at the age of 42.

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ACM India is the regional body for ACM in India. It was formed in 2009 and has organized annual events to celebrate achievements in computing. ACM India has professional chapters in major Indian cities and student chapters all over the country.

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