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Preface to the EACL 2026 Student Research Workshop

Welcome to the EACL 2026 Student Research Workshop (SRW)! This year marks a historic milestone as EACL is hosted in the African region for the very first time. We are thrilled to gather in a location that reflects the growing global footprint of our field, and we are eager to see the unique perspectives and diverse research directions this new setting brings to the workshop. As an integral part of the conference, the SRW provides students with a platform to present their work during the main conference and engage in meaningful dialogue with peers and experts within the NLP community.

This year, we received a record-breaking 185 submissions from students across the globe, which is a threefold increase compared to the most recent EACL 2024 SRW. This surge in interest is a clear testament to the vitality and expansion of NLP research. However, such rapid growth brought significant logistical challenges. To maintain our standards of quality while managing this volume, we had to rapidly scale our operations by recruiting a larger panel of 231 reviewers. To ensure expert feedback, we invited candidates from previous SRW events and the recent ACL Rolling Review (ARR) outstanding reviewer lists, requiring that all reviewers have at least one first-author publication in major NLP venues. Their dedication ensured that 94.5% of submissions received at least three reviews.

The selection process was highly competitive. Each submission underwent a rigorous double-blind review assessing its originality, technical quality, and clarity. From our record pool of 115 long papers, 54 short papers, and 16 thesis proposals, we accepted 77 papers in total (56 long, 12 short, and 9 thesis proposals). This resulted in an overall acceptance rate of approximately 41.6%. Of the accepted papers, 70 are archival and 7 are non-archival. We are proud of the high caliber of research represented in these proceedings.

Following the workshop's tradition, we also organized a pre-submission mentorship program to help student researchers refine their work before formal submission. Mirroring the surge in main submissions, the mentorship program saw a significant increase in participation with 53 submissions. We are incredibly grateful to the 27 mentors who volunteered their time. To ensure the highest level of guidance, we invited mentors with established track records, including those with a minimum of four publications in major NLP venues and a PhD in a relevant field.

The mentorship program is a crucial and unique feature of the SRW, contributing to our mission to foster growth and development in the NLP community. To further improve this experience, we conducted a survey among participants which provided valuable insights for future iterations. Notably, for the first time, we have included a mentorship program report in the proceedings. We hope this will serve as a valuable resource for the community and a roadmap for organizers of future mentorship programs.

Finally, an undertaking of this magnitude is only possible through the collective effort of a dedicated community. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the General Chair, Aline Villavicencio; the Program Chairs, Vera Demberg, Kentaro Inui, and Lluís Marquez Villodre; and the ACL Business Manager, Jennifer Rachford, for their support and guidance throughout the process. We also thank the ARR workflow manager, Holy Lovenia, for her cooperation in detecting double submissions. We are equally grateful for the immense support from our Faculty Advisors, Tanja Samardzic and Marten van Schijndel, who provided invaluable advice and mentorship throughout the organization of the workshop. Finally, our thanks go to the reviewers and mentors for their tireless work, and to the authors for their contributions. We hope you find the workshop inspiring and that it sparks new collaborations within our global community.

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