

WiNLP 2026

The 10th Widening NLP Workshop

Proceedings of the Workshop

October 28, 2026

The WiNLP organizers gratefully acknowledge the support from the following sponsors.

Platinum



©2026 Association for Computational Linguistics

Order copies of this and other ACL proceedings from:

Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)
317 Sidney Baker St. S
Suite 400 - 134
Kerrville, TX 78028
USA
Tel: +1-855-225-1962
acl@aclweb.org

ISBN 979-8-89176-472-9

Introduction

Welcome to the 2026 Widening NLP (WiNLP) Workshop!

We are delighted to present this year’s proceedings and to welcome our community to another edition of Widening NLP. The workshop provides a space for researchers from underrepresented backgrounds to share their work, exchange ideas, and build connections across the Natural Language Processing (NLP) community.

Widening NLP grew out of a conversation at ACL 2016 in Berlin, where a small group of researchers came together to discuss the underrepresentation of women and other minorities in NLP. That conversation led to the inaugural Workshop for Women and Underrepresented Minorities in NLP at ACL 2017. Since then, the workshop has continued to evolve, guided by the conviction that a stronger NLP community depends on making room for a wider range of voices, experiences, and perspectives.

This commitment has shaped both the scope and the structure of the workshop. Following the inaugural event, we introduced two submission deadlines, including an early deadline to give authors additional time for visa applications. In 2019, we broadened our emphasis on diversity to encompass scientific and disciplinary backgrounds, educational pathways, training, and career stages. We also introduced a peer feedback system, allowing authors to receive constructive input from colleagues before formal review. Together, these efforts have sought to reduce barriers to participation and create a supportive environment for sharing research.

The 2026 program continues this tradition. This year, WiNLP places particular emphasis on accessibility and disability inclusion. We also continue to welcome researchers from diverse scientific and disciplinary backgrounds and training pathways, as well as research on underrepresented languages. We received 67 submissions and accepted 16 archival and 9 non-archival papers.

We thank our authors, reviewers, invited speakers, panelists, and participants for the time, care, and expertise they have contributed to this workshop. We hope that the research and conversations shared here will inspire new ideas, strengthen collaborations, and support continued efforts toward a more inclusive and welcoming NLP community.

-Chen, Emily, Meryem, Peerat, Richard, Santosh, Surendrabikram, Yinqiao, Organizing Co-Chairs

Organizing Committee

Organizing Chairs

Chen Zhang, NII
Emily Allaway, University of Edinburgh
Meryem M'hamdi, Meta
Peerat Limkonchotiawat, AI Singapore
Richard He Bai, Apple
Santosh T.Y.S.S., Amazon
Surendrabikram Thapa, Virginia Tech, USA
Yinqiao Li, City University of Hong Kong

Advisory Board

Alham Fikri Aji, MBZUAI & Google Research
Helena Gomez-Adorno, IIMAS, UNAM
Sarvnaz Karimi, CSIRO
Sunayana Sitaram, Microsoft Research India
Viviane Moreira, UFRGS - Brazil
Zeeraq Talat, University of Edinburgh

Program Committee

Program Chairs

Emily Allaway, University of Edinburgh
Richard He Bai, Apple
Yinqiao Li, City University of Hong Kong
Peerat Limkonchotiawat, AI Singapore
Meryem M'hamdi
Santosh T.Y.S.S, Amazon
Surendrabikram Thapa, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Chen Zhang, National Institute of Informatics

Area Chairs

Emily Allaway, University of Edinburgh
Peerat Limkonchotiawat, AI Singapore
Meryem M'hamdi
Pittawat Taveekitworachai, Nanyang Technological University
Can Udomcharoenchaikit, Vidyasirimedhi Institute of Science and Technology
Chen Zhang, National Institute of Informatics

Reviewers

Giuseppe Abrami, Arturo Argueta, Eleftherios Avramidis

JinYeong Bak, Leslie Barrett, Emanuela Boros

Sky CH-Wang, Rémi Cardon, Seungtaek Choi

Debarati Das, Ernest Davis, Wentao Ding, Saket Dingliwal, Nemanja Djuric

Micha Elsner

Neele Falk, Ge Fan, Alejandro Figueroa

Prakhar Ganesh, Sucheta Ghosh, Venkata S Govindarajan, Navita Goyal, Morgan Grobol, Zhen Guo

Kazuma Hashimoto, Zhe Hu, Minghui Huang

Hitoshi Isahara

Rishabh Jain

Teja Kanchinadam, Feiyang Kang, Surya Kanoria, Gyuwan Kim, Yeachan Kim, YoungBin Kim, Tracy Holloway King, Katsunori Kotani, Satyapriya Krishna

Stefan Larson, Changmao Li, Chong Li, Dongyuan Li, Ruosen Li, Siyan Li, Jasy Suet Yan Liew,

Gilbert Lim, Ke Lin, Lucy H. Lin, Xinyuan Lu, Jixiang Luo, Yiran Lawrence Luo, Pedro Henrique Luz de Araujo

Harsh Maheshwari, Magdalena Markowska, Marcos Martínez Galindo, John Philip McCrae, Guillaume Metzler, Hideya Mino, Taro Miyazaki, Masayasu Muraoka

Youyang Ng, Kiem-Hieu Nguyen, Dmitry Nikolaev, Sergiu Nisioi, Tadashi Nomoto

Naoki Otani

Aline Paes, Eunhwan Park, Kunwoo Park, Alicia Parrish, Van-Thuy Phi, Aidan Pine, Rajesh Piryani, Sukannya Purkayastha

Priya Rani, Matīss Rikters, Christophe Rodrigues, Angelika Romanou

Fatiha Sadat, Rita Sevastjanova, Quan Z. Sheng, Ning Shi, Kazutoshi Shinoda, Patrick Simianer, Hyun-Je Song, Katherine Stasaski

Khanh Quoc Tran, Dimitrios Tsarapatsanis

Can Udomcharoenchaikit

Sowmya Vajjala, Aditya Srikanth Veerubhotla, Thuy-Trang Vu

Ruibo Wang, Yaqiang Wang, Chen Wu

Kaige Xie, Jinan Xu

Changbing Yang, Mengxia Yu

Alessandra Zarcone, Runzhe Zhan, Chen Zhang, Ningyu Zhang, Zequn Zhang, Zhenjie Zhao, Junwei Zhou, Yi Zhou

Table of Contents

<i>Tug-of-War Tuning: Capacity and Cross-Lingual Transfer in Zero-Shot NER</i> Tanushree Ravindra Pratap Yadav	1
<i>Beyond Calibration: Temporal LLM Confidence Assessment Across Languages and Local Settings</i> Sahil Kale	10
<i>AmharicStoryQA: A Multicultural Story Question Answering Benchmark in Amharic</i> Israel Abebe Azime, Abenezer Angamo, Hana Mekonen Tamiru, Dagnachew Mekonnen Marilign, Philipp Slusallek, Seid Muhie Yimam and Dietrich Klakow	20
<i>What Improves Multimodal Misinformation Detection? Answers from a Large-Scale Empirical Study</i> Akshit Sharma and Prashant W Patil	37
<i>How Well Does It Generalize? A Robustness Study of Hausa Machine-Generated Text Detection</i> Abdulhamid Abubakar, Faisal Muhammad Adam, Shamsuddeen Hassan Muhammad, Abubakar Auwal Khalid and Babangida Sani	48
<i>The Energy-Accuracy Frontier: Benchmarking SNNs on Low-Resource Indian Linguistic Tasks</i> Priyam Saha, Debiprasanna Sahoo and Abhik Jana	61
<i>AmhTTS: A Low-Resource Amharic Text-to-Speech System</i> Walelign Tewabe Sewunetie, Rahel Mekonen Tamiru and Israel D. Gebru	68
<i>Marker Signal Void: Linguistic Deception Fingerprinting and Transformer Benchmarking on a Domain-Stratified Bangla Rumour Corpus</i> Farzana Zahid Manoshi, Sadman Bin Rashid, Israt Jahan Anika and Md. Rakibul Islam	77
<i>Does Live Browser Context Improve LLM-Assisted End-to-End Test Script Repair? An Empirical Study of Playwright MCP</i> Divi Galih Prasetyo Putri	87
<i>Assessing Large Language Models as Automated Writing Evaluation and Feedback Tools: A Human-AI Agreement Study on L2 English Writing</i> Kowshik Saha, Moyeen Uddin, Md Tanvirul Islam Turad and Mizanur Rahman	96
<i>Improved Personalized Typing Predictions via Long Left Context</i> Soufia Bahmani and Keith Vertanen	105
<i>Do Multilingual Encoders Produce Language-Consistent Semantic IDs?</i> Abhinav Bohra and Anuj Bohra	121
<i>When a Name Is Not a Name: A Benchmark Dataset and Distilled Reasoning for Culturally Entangled Bangla Homographs in Low-Resource LLMs</i> Md. Asaduzzaman Shuvo and Md. Adnanul Islam	128
<i>ASCRIBE: Atomic and Significance-Based Reasoning for Thai Clinical SOAP Note Generation</i> Tarm Kalavantavanich, Teerawut Ponarchar, Pattaramanee Arsomngern, Jenta Wonglertsakul, Watcharakorn Chuthong, Chiraphat Boonnag, Knot Pipatsrisawat and Titipat Achakulvisut	141
<i>KuMMLU: A Multitask Language Understanding Benchmark for Central Kurdish</i> Akam Nawzad	173
<i>A Theoretical Model of Hallucinations in NLP Large Language Models</i> Vicente Ivan Sanchez Carmona, Yuming Zhang, Junyu Zhou, Shanshan Jiang and Bin Dong	181