

Joint Call for Travel Scholarship and Student Volunteer Applications

STUDENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

We seek a limited number of student volunteers for the 2019 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing. In exchange for one full day's work, each student volunteer will receive free registration to the main conference (although not to the tutorials and workshops) and a volunteer t-shirt. The work will likely be divided into two half-day shifts, and the shifts will be scheduled to maximize volunteer access to the conference events. Tasks will include assisting at the registration desk, stuffing delegate packs, and providing assistance for conference events including tutorials, the main conference, and workshops.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Through the Student Scholarship Program, we will also offer approximately 20 grants to assist student participants with travel to Hong Kong for EMNLP 2019 and with conference expenses (such as housing, local transportation to/from airport, conference registration, registration for workshops and tutorials, reasonable food costs, etc.)

Successful applicants for the Student Scholarship Program must also participate in the Student Volunteer Program, and will receive free registration to the main conference in addition to their scholarships. Please note that these scholarships are to subsidize student participation in EMNLP 2019, and are not intended to cover all travel and conference expenses. The final amount of the scholarship will vary depending on the number of days of the stay, the cost of the travel, the quantity of money available, and the number and type of applicants.

Applicants for either the Student Volunteer Program or the Student Scholarship Program must be full-time students.

NON-STUDENT TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This year, EMNLP offers travel grants for non-student attendees with demonstrated financial need. Preference is given to applicants from countries historically under-represented at the EMNLP conference (e.g. Latin America, Africa, and parts of Asia). Please submit your application through the same link. Applicants must NOT be eligible for student registration.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants for Travel Scholarship and Student Volunteer Program will be evaluated based on the material they submit in their application packages (see below for the submission requirements). Preference will be given to people who are presenting a paper in the main conference or any of the associated workshops and do not have other means of travel support.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Applicants should submit two documents: (1) the application form and (2) a one-page CV. Please submit your applications through softconf here. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at emnlp2019travel@gmail.com.

Applicants should make arrangements for travel, accommodation, and conference registration independent of the results of their application. Award recipients will be reimbursed after the conference upon providing original receipts and an accounting of the requested funding (i.e., a business expense report).

The Student Scholarship and Student Volunteer Award recipients should select "I am a Student Volunteer" in the main conference section during registration.

TIMELINE

Application deadline: September 12, 2019

Notification of acceptance: September 19, 2019

Note: Award recipients must register by the early registration deadline (October 01, 2019)

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