

Call For Papers

SIGDAT (<http://sigdat.org>), the Association for Computational Linguistics' (<http://www.aclweb.org>) Special Interest Group on linguistic data and corpus-based approaches to NLP, invites you to submit your papers to EMNLP 2018 (November 2 – November 4, 2018) in Brussels, Belgium.

We invite the submission of long and short papers related to empirical methods in natural language processing. Accepted papers will be presented as oral talks or posters. As in recent years, the conference will also include presentations of selected papers accepted by the Transactions of the ACL (<http://www.transacl.org>).

Topics

We solicit papers on all areas of interest to the SIGDAT community and aligned fields, including but not limited to:

- Language Models, Segmentation
- Morphological Analysis, POS Tagging and Sequence Labeling
- Syntactic and Semantic Parsing
- Lexical and Compositional Semantics
- Discourse and Coreference
- Dialogue and Interactive Systems
- Narrative Understanding and Commonsense Reasoning
- Spoken Language Processing
- Text Mining
- Sentiment Analysis and Opinion Mining
- Information Retrieval, Question Answering
- Information Extraction
- Summarization
- Natural Language Generation
- Machine Translation
- Multilinguality and Cross-linguality
- Linguistic Theories and Resources
- Computational Psycholinguistics
- Multimodal and Grounded Language Processing
- Machine Learning for NLP
- Web, Social Media and Computational Social Science
- Ethics and Fairness in NLP
- Other NLP Applications

Important Dates

Submissions due (<i>long & short</i>)	Tuesday	May 22, 2018
Author response period starts	Friday	July 6, 2018
Author rebuttals due	Thursday	July 12, 2018
Notification of acceptance	Monday	August 6, 2018
Camera-ready due	Monday	August 27, 2018
Workshops & tutorials	Wednesday – Thursday	October 31 – November 1, 2018
Main conference	Friday – Sunday	November 2 – November 4, 2018

Note: All deadlines are calculated at 11:59pm Pacific Daylight Savings Time (UTC – 7h).

Submission Information

We will be accepting submissions online via Softconf. The submission deadline for both long and short papers is May 22, 2018.

Long papers

EMNLP 2018 long paper submissions must describe substantial, original, completed and unpublished work. Wherever appropriate, concrete evaluation and analysis should be included. Each submission will be reviewed by at least three program committee members. Each long paper submission consists of a paper of up to eight (8) pages of content, plus unlimited pages for references; final versions of long papers will be given one additional page (up to nine pages with unlimited pages for references) so that reviewersâ€™ comments can be taken into account.

Short papers

EMNLP 2018 also solicits short papers. Short paper submissions must describe original and unpublished work. While a short paper is not a shortened long paper, the characteristics of short papers include: a small, focused contribution; work in progress; a negative result; an opinion piece; an interesting application nugget. Each short paper submission consists of up to four (4) pages of content, plus unlimited pages for references; final versions of short papers will be given one additional page (up to five pages in the proceedings and unlimited pages for references) so that reviewersâ€™ comments can be taken into account. Each short paper submission will be reviewed by at least three program committee members.

IMPORTANT: New submission guidelines

EMNLP 2018 adopts ACL's [new policies for submission, review, and citation](https://www.aclweb.org/portal/content/new-policies-submission-review-and-citation) (<https://www.aclweb.org/portal/content/new-policies-submission-review-and-citation>). Submissions that violate any of these policies will be rejected without review. Most importantly, the policies refer to the anonymity period, which starts on April 22nd, 2018 for EMNLP 2018.

- You may not make a non-anonymized version of your paper available online to the general community (for example, via a preprint server) during the anonymity period.
- You may not update the non-anonymized version during the anonymity period, and we ask you not to advertise it on social media or take other actions that would further compromise double-blind reviewing during the anonymity period.

The details are described in the [ACL 2018 Author Guidelines](http://acl2018.org/call-for-papers/#acl-author-guidelines) (<http://acl2018.org/call-for-papers/#acl-author-guidelines>), which we follow.

Optional Supplementary Materials: Appendices, Software and Data

Each EMNLP 2018 submission can be accompanied by a single PDF appendix, one `.tgz` or `.zip` archive containing software, and one `.tgz` or `.zip` archive containing data. EMNLP 2018 encourages the submission of these supplementary materials to improve the reproducibility of results, and to enable authors to provide additional information that does not fit in the paper. For example, preprocessing decisions, model parameters, feature templates, lengthy proofs or derivations, pseudocode, sample system inputs/outputs, and other details that are necessary for the exact replication of the work described in the paper can be put into the appendix. However, the paper submissions need to remain fully self-contained, as these supplementary materials are completely optional, and reviewers are not even asked to review or download them. If the pseudocode or derivations or model specifications are an important part of the contribution, or if they are important for the reviewers to assess the technical correctness of the work, they should be a part of the main paper, and not appear in the appendix. Supplementary materials need to be fully anonymized to preserve the double-blind reviewing policy.

Formatting Requirements

Both long and short papers must follow the EMNLP 2018 two-column format, using the LaTeX style files or Word template to be provided on this website. Please do not modify these style files, or use templates designed for other conferences. Submissions that do not conform to the required styles, including paper size, margin width, and font size restrictions, will be rejected without review.

Double-Blind Review Instructions

As the reviewing will be blind, submissions and supplementary materials must not include the authors' names and affiliations. Furthermore, self-references that reveal the author's identity, e.g., "We previously showed (Smith, 1991) ...", should be avoided. Instead, use citations such as "Smith (1991) previously showed ...". Acknowledgments of funding or assistance must also be omitted. Submissions should not contain pointers to supplemental information on the web; any such material should be submitted as supplementary materials (see above). Submissions that do not conform to these requirements will be rejected without review. Separate author identification information is required as part of the online submission process.

Multiple Submission Policy

Papers that have been or will be submitted to other meetings or publications must indicate this at submission time, and must be withdrawn from the other venues if accepted by EMNLP 2018. We will not accept for publication or presentation papers that overlap significantly in content or results with papers that will be (or have been) published elsewhere. Authors submitting more than one paper to EMNLP 2018 must ensure that the submissions do not overlap significantly (>25%) with each other in content or results.

Presentation Requirement

All accepted papers must be presented at the conference in order to appear in the proceedings. At least one author of each accepted paper must register for EMNLP 2018. Accepted papers will be presented orally or as a poster (at the discretion of the program chairs based on the nature rather than the quality of the work). There will be no distinction in the proceedings between papers presented orally or as posters.

Further information

The conference will be preceded by two days of workshops and tutorials (October 31 – November 1, 2018). This website will continue to be updated with information on workshops, tutorials, the conference venue, traveling, etc.

Organizers

- General Chair: Ellen Riloff (University of Utah)
- Program Chairs: David Chiang (University of Notre Dame), Julia Hockenmaier (University of Illinois) and Junichi Tsujii (Artificial Intelligence Research Center)

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