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Introduction

Welcome to the NAACL 2025 Student Research Workshop.

The Student Research Workshop (SRW) is a workshop for student researchers in computational linguistics and natural language processing, and provides a unique opportunity for student participants to present their work and receive valuable feedback from the research community.

Continuing the tradition of previous student research workshops, we offer archival and non-archival tracks, and accept both research papers as well as thesis proposals in each track. The research paper track welcomes submissions from Ph.D. students, Masters students, and advanced undergraduate or high school students. Additionally, the thesis proposal submissions caters to advanced Masters and Ph.D. students who have identified their thesis topic, offering them a platform to receive feedback on their proposal and guidance on potential future avenues for their research.

This year, we received a record 169 submissions in total. Of the 145 valid submissions, we accepted 89 total, resulting in an acceptance rate of 61%. Out of the 89 accepted papers, 48 were archival research papers, 29 were non-archival research papers, 6 were archival thesis proposals, and 6 were non-archival thesis proposals.

Another core aspect of the SRW is mentoring. In line with previous years, we had a pre-submission mentoring program before the submission deadline. A total of 28 papers participated in the pre-submission mentoring program. This program offered students the opportunity to receive comments from an experienced researcher to improve the writing style and presentation of their submissions. We are incredibly grateful to all researchers who volunteered as mentors, particularly due the considerable increase in student requests this year.

We are immensely grateful to the Association for Computational Linguistics for their sponsorship. Their support has played a significant role in ensuring the success of the conference and has allowed a large number of students to publish their work and attend the conference. We also express our sincere gratitude to the program committee members for their thorough reviews of each paper. We are also deeply appreciative of the NAACL 2025 organizing committee for their ongoing support, and our faculty advisors Maria Pacheco and Shira Wein, for their valuable guidance which was invaluable to organizing this year's workshop. Lastly, we thank all the student authors for submitting their work and participating in the 2025 edition of the NAACL SRW.

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Keynote Talk

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Bio: Philip Resnik is MPower Professor at University of Maryland with joint appointments in the Department of Linguistics and the Institute for Advanced Computer Studies. He earned his bachelor's in Computer Science at Harvard and his PhD in Computer and Information Science at the University of Pennsylvania, and does research in computational linguistics. Prior to joining UMD, he was an associate scientist at BBN, a graduate summer intern at IBM T.J. Watson Research Center (subsequently awarded an IBM Graduate Fellowship) while at UPenn, and a research scientist at Sun Microsystems Laboratories. In 2020 he was designated a Fellow of the Association for Computational Linguistics. Philip's most recent research has focused in two areas. One is the computational cognitive neuroscience of language, where he has been using computational modeling in connection with brain imaging to look at the role of context and predictive processing during online language comprehension. The other is computational social science, with an emphasis on connecting the signal available in people's language use with underlying mental state - this has applications in computational political science, particularly in connection with ideology, framing, and beliefs, and in mental health, focusing on the ways that linguistic behavior may help to identify and monitor depression, schizophrenia, and suicidality. Philip is a scientific advisor for NORC at the University of Chicago (a non-partisan, independent social research organization). In entrepreneurial life he was a technical co-founder of CodeRyte (NLP for electronic health records, acquired by 3M in 2012), and is an advisor to FiscalNote (machine learning and analytics for government relations, went public in 2022), and Trustible (a leading technology provider of responsible AI governance).

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