

## Preface to the Student Research Workshop Papers

As an established tradition of ACL annual meetings, student researchers are encouraged to present work in progress in Student Sessions. In this 38th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL-2000), the conventional Student Session is taking the form of a Student Research Workshop. The workshop features presentations of full-length papers published in this volume, as well as senior researchers acting as panelists and providing detailed comments after the presentations.

We received 36 submissions from 13 countries this year, and accepted 10 of them. We thank all the authors and hope they would benefit from the reviews. We also thank all the members of the Program Committee for their time and effort in ensuring the papers are fairly assessed.

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