



24th Meeting of the Special Interest Group on Discourse and Dialogue (SIGDIAL)

# SIGDIAL Call for Papers

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**Paper submission deadline: May 15, 2023** (paper update possible till May 25 (extended))

**ARR commitment link:** <https://forms.office.com/r/wxZH08iZm>

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Special Interest Group on Discourse and Dialogue (SIGDIAL) will be held jointly with the 16th International Natural Language Generation Conference (INLG) in Prague on September 11-15, 2023.

The SIGDIAL venue provides a regular forum for the presentation of cutting edge research in dialogue and discourse to both academic and industry researchers, continuing a series of 23 successful previous meetings. The conference is sponsored by the SIGDIAL organization – the Special Interest Group in discourse and dialogue for ACL and ISCA.

## Topics of Interest

We welcome formal, corpus-based, implementation, experimental, or analytical work on discourse and dialogue including, but not restricted to, the following themes:

- **Discourse Processing:** Rhetorical and coherence relations, discourse parsing and discourse connectives. Reference resolution. Event representation and causality in narrative. Argument mining. Quality and style in text. Cross-lingual discourse analysis. Discourse issues in applications such as machine translation, text summarization, essay grading, question answering and information retrieval. Discourse issues in text generated by large language models.
- **Dialogue Systems:** Task oriented and open domain spoken, multi-modal, embedded,

situated, and text-based dialogue systems, their components, evaluation and applications. Knowledge representation and extraction for dialogue. State representation, tracking and policy learning. Social and emotional intelligence. Dialogue issues in virtual reality and human-robot interaction. Entrainment, alignment and priming. Generation for dialogue. Style, voice, and personality. Safety and ethics issues in Dialogue.

- **Corpora, Tools and Methodology:** Corpus-based and experimental work on discourse and dialogue, including supporting topics such as annotation tools and schemes, crowdsourcing, evaluation methodology and corpora.
- **Pragmatic and Semantic Modeling:** Pragmatics and semantics of conversations (i.e., beyond a single sentence), e.g., rational speech act, conversation acts, intentions, conversational implicature, presuppositions.
- **Applications** of Dialogue and Discourse Processing Technology.

## Submissions

The program committee welcomes the submission of long papers, short papers, and demo descriptions. Submitted long papers may be accepted for oral or for poster presentation. Accepted short papers will be presented as posters.

- **Long paper** submissions must describe substantial, original, completed and unpublished work. Wherever appropriate, concrete evaluation and analysis should be included. Long papers must be no longer than **8 pages**, including title, text, figures and tables. An unlimited number of pages is allowed for references. Two additional pages are allowed for appendices containing sample discourses/dialogues and algorithms, and an extra page is allowed in the final version to address reviewers' comments.
- **Short paper** submissions must describe original and unpublished work. Please note that a short paper is not a shortened long paper. Instead short papers should have a point that can be made in a few pages, such as a small, focused contribution; a negative result; or an interesting application nugget. Short papers should be no longer than **4 pages** including title, text, figures and tables. An unlimited number of pages is allowed for references. One additional page is allowed for sample discourses/dialogues and algorithms, and an extra page is allowed in the final version to address reviewers' comments.
- **Demo descriptions** should be no longer than **4 pages** including title, text, examples, figures, tables and references. A separate one-page document should be provided to the program co-chairs for demo descriptions, specifying furniture and equipment needed for the demo.

Authors are encouraged to also submit additional accompanying materials, such as corpora (or corpus examples), demo code, videos and sound files.

## Multiple Submissions

SIGDIAL 2023 cannot accept work for publication or presentation that will be (or has been) published elsewhere and that have been or will be submitted to other meetings or publications whose review periods overlap with that of SIGDIAL. Overlap with the SIGDIAL workshop submissions is permitted for non-archived workshop proceedings. Any questions regarding submissions can be sent to program-chairs [at] [sigdial.org](mailto:program-chairs@sigdial.org).

## **Blind Review**

Building on previous years' move to anonymous long and short paper submissions, SIGDIAL 2023 will follow the ACL policies for preserving the integrity of double blind review ([see author guidelines](#)). Unlike long and short papers, demo descriptions will not be anonymous. Demo descriptions should include the authors' names and affiliations, and self-references are allowed.

## **Submission Format**

All long, short, and demonstration submissions must follow the two-column ACL format, which are available as an [Overleaf template](#) and also [downloadable directly](#) (Latex and Word)

Submissions must conform to the official ACL style guidelines, which are contained in these templates. Submissions must be electronic, in PDF format.

## **Submission Deadline**

SIGDIAL will accept regular submissions through the Softconf/START system, as well as commitment of already reviewed papers through the ACL Rolling Review (ARR) system.

## **Regular submission**

Authors have to fill in the submission form in the Softconf/START system and upload an initial pdf of their papers before **May 15, 2023** (23:59 GMT-11).

The submission link is <https://softconf.com/n/sigdial2023/>.

## **Submission via [ACL Rolling Review \(ARR\)](#)**

Please refer to the [ARR Call for Papers](#) for detailed information about submission guidelines to ARR. The commitment deadline for authors to submit their reviewed papers, reviews, and meta-review to SIGDIAL 2023 is June 19, 2023. Note that the paper needs to be fully reviewed by ARR in order to make a commitment, thus the latest date for ARR submission will be April 15, 2023.

There will be 1 extra week given to the authors for updating the paper after the submission.

Use the following link to commit the paper: <https://forms.office.com/r/wxZH08iZm>

## **Mentoring**

Acceptable submissions that require language (English) or organizational assistance will be flagged for mentoring, and accepted with a recommendation to revise with the help of a mentor. An experienced mentor who has previously published in the SIGDIAL venue will then help the authors of these flagged papers prepare their submissions for publication.

## **Best Paper Awards**

In order to recognize significant advancements in dialogue/discourse science and technology, SIGDIAL 2023 will include best paper awards. All papers at the conference are eligible for the best paper awards. A selection committee consisting of prominent researchers in the fields of interest will select the recipients of the awards.

SIGDIAL 2023 Program Committee

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