2019 ERF Report

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2019 Emerging Regions Fund

- 10 submissions (on par with previous years)
- Criteria for selection:
  - Number of people impacted by award
  - Geography
  - Novelty
  - Etc.
- We selected 3 recipients (similar to last year)
- All documentation saved in the ERF Google Drive

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Recipient	Goal	Support
Adrián Pastor Lopez-Monroy Mathematics Research Center (CIMAT) Guanajuato, Mexico	Partial accommodations support for 45 students attending a workshop on Authorship Attribution, Author Profiling, and Plagiarism Detection in social media (Mexico)	$1,000
Arturo Oncevay Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP) Lima, Peru	Peruvian student travel support to Lima and parallel corpus creation for low resource Peruvian languages. (Peru)	$1,000
Helena Caseli and Cláudia Freitas TILic: Student workshop on Information and Language Technology Salvador, Brazil	Registration and other support for ~12 undergradute students (Brazil)	$1,000

Thoughts for the Future

- Increase fund from $3,000 to $4,000 (modulo NAACL budget issues): could support 4 orgs at 1k or two at $1.5k to support organizations, one $1k to fund an individual
- Despite goal for diversity, main countries asking for support remain Mexico, Brazil, Peru
- Other concerns about increasing diversity in our field:
  - Visa
  - Registration costs: D&I is a good start but needs more funding esp. from companies
  - Conference in Latin America?
  - Seed work: inject NLP/CL into existing Linguistics programs?