

The Academy of Finance (AOF) invites and encourages faculty, students, and practitioners interested in all fields of finance to submit:

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- Advanced Abstracts
- Case Studies
- Panels and Symposia
- Practitioner and Student Forum works

for review for possible presentation at its 31st Annual Meeting, April 18-20 (Wednesday - Friday).





Conference Themes (including but not limited to):

- Investments
- ☐ Corporate Governance
- Capital Structure
- ☐ Executive Compensation
- International Finance
- Asset Pricing
- ☐ Market Microstructure and HFT
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- ☐ Strategic Management
- Venture Capital
- Financial Services
- Risk Management
- Off Balance Sheet Financing
- Education in Finance
- Corporate Boards
- Portfolio Construction

ACADEMY OF FINANCE 2018 CONFERENCE

Conference Profile

The meeting will be held in conjunction with the 54th Annual Meeting of MBAA International. The Academy of Finance Conference is integrated into the broader MBAA International Conference experience each year in the beautiful city of Chicago. Participants in the conference have the opportunity to experience sessions from the other MBAA member disciplines, including management, accounting, marketing, and case research as well as in finance.

The MBAA International experience is the inviting feeling of the familiar and the excitement of the new. It is collegiality and fellowship, renewing friendships and making new ones. It is initiating and continuing dialogues about teaching and research and is the rich mixture of attendees from colleges - large and small as well as public and private. It is particularly well aligned with the needs and interests of faculty from institutions that are committed to a balanced emphasis on both teaching and scholarship. Entertainment is provided on Wednesday night and Thursday night, at the Palmer House or a local venue. The entertainment is open to all registrants and is included in the conference registration.

Conference Features and Awards

- Academy of Finance Best Paper Awards One award is given for the best submission in each of the Academy of Finance conference tracks. Each author of the chosen works will be recognized with a plaque presented at the Academy's Annual Luncheon on April 19. Awards are determined by the Best Papers Awards Committee. Submission deadline for consideration: March 9, 2018. Full details are at: http://www.aof-mbaa.org.
- Academy of Finance Teaching Award Individuals can be nominated or self-nominate for consideration to receive the annual Teaching Award. All application materials are due by March 9, 2018. The Teaching Award Committee will invite the strongest applicants to make presentations at the conference and will then make the Award decision on the application package and the presentation performance. Further information can be obtained from http://www.aof-mbaa.org.
- MBAA International Best Paper Award in Finance The winner will be the strongest selected paper submitted by the AOF paper submission deadline. The winner will be honored at the MBAA International business meeting on Thursday afternoon April 19.
- Academy of Finance Student Submission Award The award for the best student submission submitted by March 9, 2018 will be selected by the referees for the Best Student Submission Award. Each author will be recognized April 19 at the AOF luncheon.
- The Annual Academy of Finance Luncheon and Awards Presentation will be held on Thursday, April 19, from 12:30-1:45. The Best Paper Awards, Outstanding Teaching Award and all other Awards will be presented at this time.

Submission Definitions

- Competitive Full-Length Papers make up the core of the conference program and are organized into concurrent sessions, each of which constitutes three to four papers. A discussant is assigned to all papers.
- Research-in-Progress may be submitted as papers or as detailed abstracts describing an ongoing research project or area of interest. You may also propose a panel session describing the topic and proposed panelists.
- Interactive Teaching Poster ideas will be selected to be presented during a special session of MBAA International featuring best teaching practices.
- Further information is available on http://www.aof-mbaa.org.

Submission Guidelines

Each submission will be peer reviewed. All submissions should not have any author identifiable information within the manuscript. Email submissions to AofF@wiu.edu. Only electronic submissions will be accepted, and submissions should be in Word or pdf format. All submissions must include a submission form that is available on_http://www.aof-mbaa.org or from the 2018 Program Chair. Information requested includes the author names and affiliations, conference dates that fit best into author schedules, and perceived track.

Publication Opportunities

Papers presented at the meeting can be submitted for consideration at the Journal of Finance Issues (http://jofi.aof-mbaa.org/). Deadlines for submissions to this journal will be announced after the meeting. The 2018 Academy of Finance Proceedings will also be published. The Proceedings will be an option for any papers accepted for presentation, and can be published either in full or as an abstract. Please see the instructions at the Academy's website. Proceedings guidelines will be sent to authors when they are informed that their research has been approved for presentation. A condition of acceptance of any paper or symposium into the Proceedings is that the author(s) or symposia participants must register for the conference and at least one author must attend the meetings in Chicago to present the paper. Deadline for submission to the Proceedings is March 9, 2018. Submissions and inquiries are to be addressed to the 2018 Program Chair:

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