

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS



### AEFP 43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE Hilton Portland & Executive Towers, Portland - March 15-17, 2018

**SUBMISSION DATES: SEP 25 - NOV 1, 2017**

The Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) is pleased to announce the call for proposals for its 43rd Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon on March 15 to 17, 2018. Submissions will be accepted for individual papers, posters, and policy talks from September 25 to November 1, 2017 through our online submission system.

#### Proposal submission details

Proposals on any topic related to education finance and policy are welcome. Topics cover all countries and include:

- Early childhood
- Educator preparation and professional development
- Educator performance and evaluation
- Educator labor markets (e.g., compensation, pensions, mobility, supply and demand)
- Inequality and social context (e.g., the role of families and neighborhoods, achievement gaps)
- K-12 standards, curriculum, accountability, and assessment
- K-12 school finance: adequacy, equity, and impact
- K-12 school finance: political and economic factors
- K-12 school governance, choice, and politics
- K-12 school and district leadership and organizations
- K-12 interventions and short-term outcomes (academic and non-academic)
- Methodology and data
- Postsecondary access, admissions, and financial aid
- Postsecondary finance, governance, and accountability
- Postsecondary interventions and short-term outcomes (academic and non-academic)
- Long-term outcomes of education (e.g., employment, wages, civic participation)
- Other

**We are accepting only individual paper submissions, not paper panels.**

AEFP particularly encourages proposals for **policy talks**: panel sessions of up to four presenters that focus on a topic of broad policy and research relevance. As with last year, we will feature three of these during a special session on Thursday and will include at least one in each breakout session. Policy talk proposals must include at least one policymaker or practitioner on the panel to be considered; these participants may be eligible for travel subsidies (see below).



We plan to continue the session chair role as redesigned last year. Session chairs will be responsible for sparking a broader-ranging discussion with a few questions and then opening the conversation to the audience. New this year, in order to ensure that authors get more detailed feedback on their work, each presenter will be responsible for providing written feedback (outside the conference) to one other presenter on their panel. The chair will coordinate this, as well. By submitting a proposal, non-student presenters agree to serve as a chair on another session.

You may only submit one proposal as a presenter. You may be an author on multiple proposals so long as you present only once at the meeting. Proposals should be submitted through AEFP's submission portal at <http://www.aefpweb.org/> no later than **November 1**. We will announce acceptances and session time assignments together this year, in early January.

### **Networking and volunteer opportunities**

We will continue to encourage dialogue between junior and senior researchers through small networking sessions throughout the conference. In addition, to ensure that new members, policymakers, and practitioners feel especially welcome at the conference, we are seeking volunteers to be AEFP Ambassadors. Ambassadors will wear a special identifying nametag that will signal that they are a friendly face to approach during networking opportunities. They will also be invited to participate in a special welcome breakfast on Thursday morning. More details on how to participate in these opportunities will be shared later in the fall.

### **Travel stipends for policymakers and practitioners**

Through grants from the Smith Richardson Foundation and the Walton Foundation, AEFP will be able to subsidize up to \$1,400 in travel costs for a limited number of policymakers and practitioners to attend the conference. First priority will go to people presenting papers or participating in panels. More details about the application process will be available later in the fall, and the application window will open shortly after paper and panel acceptances are announced.

### **Preconference workshops**

We will be offering two preconference workshops this year. Bruce Baker and Mark Weber from Rutgers University and Matthew Chingos from the Urban Institute will be sharing two new data tools on equity in school funding and its connection to student outcomes. Thanks to the WT Grant Foundation, this workshop is being offered at no cost to participants. We will also offer our longstanding workshop from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), providing a comprehensive overview of NCES's state-of-the-art data tools that allow users to easily access and analyze data. Details on how to sign up will be included with conference registration materials.

### **Keynote speaker: Sir Michael Barber**

This year's keynote speaker will be Sir Michael Barber. Barber is currently the chair of the Office for Students, the new higher education regulatory authority for the United Kingdom. He is also founder and managing partner of Delivery Associates, which works to improve the effectiveness and accountability of government worldwide. Previously he served the UK government as Head of the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit during Tony Blair's administration and since then has worked on delivery or education in over 50 countries.

### **Thank you**

I am excited to continue to learn from the work of our many researcher members and to welcome more policymakers and practitioners to our discussions. I appreciate all of your contributions to AEFP and look forward to seeing you in Portland in March.

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