Conference Submission Instructions

Abstracts due December 4, 2021.

The Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis is now accepting proposals for its virtual March 2021 Annual Conference. You may choose to submit an individual research presentation, in which case the Program Committee will combine it with other presentations to form a panel if accepted. Alternatively, you may choose to submit a panel in one of three formats: a set of research presentations (four individual presentations or three individual presentations and a discussant), a roundtable discussion (three to six speakers), or an innovative session (to be determined by the organizer).

You may submit no more than two abstract for a research presentation (either individually or as part of a panel) plus participate in no more than one roundtable or innovative session. There is no limit on the number of sessions for which you can be listed as a co-author; these limits apply only to speakers.

To submit your proposal using our online form, you will need to provide the following information.

- Contact information for each speaker, including name, affiliation, email address, and mobile phone number.

- Topic area that best describes the focus of your presentation or panel. Your selection will aid the Program Committee in assigning reviewers and, if accepted, in organizing the conference schedule.

  The choices include:

  - Crosscutting Theory and Methods
  - Education, Training, Labor Force
  - Energy, Natural Resources, Environment, Water
  - Finance, Financial Markets, International Trade
  - Food, Nutrition, Agriculture
  - Health Care System, Health Insurance, Medical Care, Public Health
  - International Development
  - Policing, Military, Homeland Security
  - Transportation and Infrastructure
  - Other (if you select this option, you will be asked to specify the topic later in the form)

- Proposal type, including descriptive information as follows:
  - For an individual presentation, a list of additional co-authors (if any), a title, and an abstract.
  - For a panel of research presentations, the chair; the speaker, co-authors, title, and abstract for each individual presentation; the discussant (if any); and a title and abstract for the overall panel.
  - For a roundtable, the chair; the speakers (including which are confirmed and which are tentative, being as realistic as possible about who will participate); and a title and abstract.
  - For an innovative session, a detailed description for review by the Program Committee and information on previous experience with similar sessions, as well as a title and an abstract. 2 The presentation and panel titles are limited to 80 characters and abstracts are limited to 300 words. As relevant, the abstracts should discuss the problem addressed, the methods used, the results, and the implications, and also indicate what is new or novel about the approach.

- Additional information to aid the Program Committee in organizing the conference, including:
  - Whether you are willing to act as a chair or discussant for other panels.
  - Whether your presentation may be recorded for subsequent viewing.
  - Whether you would be willing to pre-record your presentation and/or present live online.
  - The income levels of the countries addressed by your work (low-, middle-, and/or high-income).

Please see the SBCA website for more information. Submission of a conference proposal is viewed as a firm commitment to present if accepted.