

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Southern Finance Association (SFA) is pleased to announce that the 2025 SFA Annual Meeting will be held at the Waldorf Astoria in Orlando, Florida, from November 19 to 22, 2025. Papers on any area of finance will be considered, along with proposals for panel discussions, special sessions, or tutorials.

Paper Submission: Please submit papers electronically in PDF format at the conference website: (<http://www.openconf.org/sfa2025>). Submissions will be accepted until the deadline of Friday, March 15 (11:59 pm EST), 2025. The SFA charges a \$50 submission fee for conference submissions.

Instructions for submitting papers with all authors being doctoral students: The submission fee is waived for papers where all authors are doctoral students. If any problem is encountered during the fee waiver process, please email the paper's title and contact information to: southernfinance2025@gmail.com. Please include the heading Doctoral student paper in the email.

Submitted papers should not have been accepted for publication at the time of submission and will be double-blind reviewed by program committee members. Authors of the accepted papers will be notified by **June 20, 2025**.

Special Sessions, Panel Discussions, and Tutorials: Those wishing to organize a special session, panel discussion, or tutorial should submit a proposal directly to the VP-Program (southernfinance2025@gmail.com).

Program Committee: Volunteers are needed to serve on the program committee. Please visit the conference website (<https://www.openconf.org/SFA2025/openconf.php>) and sign up with code "sfa2025" to volunteer to serve as a program committee member.

Special Opportunities for Doctoral Students:

- A \$1,000 award and waived conference registration fee for the **Doctoral Student Best Paper**.
- Two awards of \$500 and waived conference registration fees for **Doctoral Student Paper Runners-Up**.
- Special sessions for doctoral students.

Keynote speaker: Professor Itay Goldstein, University of Pennsylvania.

SFA 2025 VP-Program: John Sedunov, Villanova University, john.sedunov@villanova.edu

Track Chairs: Rabih Moussawi, Villanova University; John Hackney, University of South Carolina; Matt Denes, Carnegie Mellon University; Sami Vähämaa, University of Vaasa; Sergey Mityakov, Florida State University; Leili Pour Rostami, University of Massachusetts, Boston; Anya Mkrtchyan, University of Massachusetts