

Call for Papers and Participation  
Southwestern Finance Association

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64th Annual Meeting  
February 12 – February 14, 2025

Omni La Mansion del Rio  
112 College Street  
San Antonio, TX 78205

Important Dates

Submission Deadline September 8, 2024  
Decision Notices Sent via Email November 1, 2024  
Early Registration Deadline December 1, 2024

The Southwestern Finance Association warmly invites you to submit papers and proposals to present at its 64th Annual Meeting. We welcome research papers, panel discussions, and tutorial sessions covering all aspects of finance and financial education. Whether you're an academician, a practitioner, or simply someone with a keen interest in finance, we encourage you to attend and participate in this inclusive meeting.

**Awards & Grants:** In line with the SWFA's commitment to recognizing research excellence, we will be awarding monetary prizes for outstanding papers, including categories for doctoral student papers. This is a great opportunity to showcase your work and be recognized for your contributions to the field. The association will also award up to 24 \$500 travel grants for doctoral students (a separate email instructing doctoral students on how to apply for the grant will come forth after the submission deadline), further incentivizing the submission of high-quality papers.

**Your submissions are the backbone of our event. We encourage you to submit your anonymous research (without author(s) identification) papers and proposals at the following link: [www.openconf.org/swfa2025](http://www.openconf.org/swfa2025). Your contributions are not just welcome but crucial to the success of our 64th Annual Meeting.**

- Anonymous research papers (without author(s) identification) should be in PDF or Word format. Completed papers are encouraged and will receive preference over proposals.
- Anonymous research proposals should be in PDF or Word format. They must include a clear description of the primary issues, a review of the literature, and a description of the data and methodology. They should not exceed six pages in length.

- Proposals for panel, tutorial, or workshop sessions are highly encouraged. They should describe the topic, expected participants, and the submitter's prior experience with special sessions.
- Anonymous extended abstracts are also welcome. However, it must contain appropriate elements beyond a regular abstract, such as an extensive literature review, hypothesis/research question(s), and other details expected in a research paper, barring extensive results and discussion sections.
- Submission fees are \$35 for doctoral students and \$50 for all other submissions. This fee must be paid at the time of submission.
- Decision notices will be emailed by November 1, 2024.

### **Special Tracks:**

**Preregistered Research:** Preregistration is the practice of deciding on a research and analysis plan prior to starting a study. Pre-study peer review enables flaws in study design and statistical analysis plans to be corrected before the research is undertaken, improving the quality and efficiency of the research process. Submissions should only include an introduction that motivates the research question(s), a hypothesis development section, a sample construction section, and a methods section. Submissions will not include results. Reviewers, discussants, and conference participants will be asked to assess:

1. *The importance of the research question(s).*
2. *The logic, rationale, and plausibility of the proposed hypotheses.*
3. *The soundness and feasibility of the methodology and analysis pipeline.*
4. *Whether the clarity and degree of methodological detail are sufficient to replicate the proposed data procedures and analysis pipeline exactly.*
5. *Whether the authors have pre-specified sufficient tests for ensuring that the results obtained can test the stated hypotheses, including controls and quality checks.*

**Alternative Investments:** The last two decades have witnessed an increase in fund flows to alternative investments such as fund of funds, private market secondaries, real estate, infrastructure, ESG/Climate, and several related asset classes. Many large investment banks have set up separate units to handle inflows into such funds (<https://www.morganstanley.com/im/en-us/financial-advisor/product-and-performance/alternative-investments.html>).

Submission to this track will be indicated in the submission portal for doctoral and regular submissions.

**Speakers and Special Sessions:** Current planned special sessions include:

- Keynote Address: **Douglas Cumming** (the DeSantis Distinguished Professor of Finance and Entrepreneurship)
- Doctoral Job Market Paper Workshop (prepping for the 2025 job market)
- Presentation and Discussion Workshop
- Machine Learning in Research and Education Panel Session
- Publicly Available Databases Workshop
- Female Scholar and Assistant Professor Breakfasts

**Conference Registration:** To be included in the program, all presenters, discussants, session chairs, and panel members must have a current SWFA membership and register for the conference by December 1, 2024.

- Conference registration fees are \$150 (doctoral students) and \$225 (regular) if registered by December 1, 2024
- After December 1, 2024, registration fees are \$175 (doctoral students) and \$275 (regular).
- SWFA membership dues can be paid through the association's portal. Use this link: [Join/Renew Membership | SWFA \(swfinance.org\)](https://www.swfinance.org/Join/Renew-Membership)

**Program Committee Signup (Reviewers):** *The signup opens on August 21, 2024, and closes by September 4, 2024.* An email with the appropriate code will be sent as the signup date approaches. Review assignments will be made shortly following the submission deadline.

### **San Antonio (Riverwalk) Highlights:**

**The Hotel:** Located in the heart of the Downtown Reach portion of the Riverwalk, the **Omni La Mansion Del Rio** is impossible to beat. Built in 1852, this luxurious hotel features an open-air Spanish courtyard, exposed beams, and some of the best river views from any hotel.

**The River Walk:** A vibrant 15-mile urban waterway that travels through the heart of Alamo City, the iconic downtown portion is full of incredible restaurants, unique boutiques, and phenomenal nightlife options. You can explore Texas' first and only UNESCO World Heritage Site by walking through Downtown's authentic San Antonio vibes and Mission Reach.

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