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ACTUARIAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Invites You to ARC 2020

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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) is proud to be the host for the 55th Actuarial Research Conference (ARC). The conference will take place from Sunday, August 9, through Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at the College of Business on the UNL city campus in downtown Lincoln.

Air travel to Lincoln is convenient. The campus is only a 10-minute drive from the Lincoln Airport (LNK), from which you may take hotel shuttles, Uber, taxis or rental cars to your hotel. Additionally, Lincoln is a one-hour cab ride away from the Eppley Airfield Omaha Airport (OMA), where plentiful direct flights from all major U.S. cities arrive every day. Attendees may choose to stay on campus in suite-style housing or off campus in one of three hotels, all of which are within walking distance of the campus.

Lincoln is a medium-sized city with many theaters, museums, parks and sport facilities, as well as a variety of excellent restaurants and bars. Notable museums include the International Quilt Museum, Sheldon Art Gallery, Morrill Hall and a Children's Museum all on or very near campus. Off campus, the Lincoln Children's Zoo and Sunken Gardens are just a short distance away.



ACTIVITIES AT ARC 2020

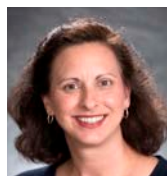
The conference will kick off with an evening reception on Sunday in the atrium of the College of Business. This will be followed by three days of engaging and informative sessions, including a poster session by graduate and undergraduate students. For conference attendees, we have planned a visit to the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, as it is consistently ranked one of the world's best zoos. The zoo offers a variety of travel-worthy experiences, including wandering through the world's largest indoor desert, the largest indoor rainforest in North America, the Scott Aquarium, the Kingdoms of the Night exhibit and many more adventures. Our half-day at the zoo will be followed by a banquet dinner next to the manta rays inside the Scott Aquarium.

ABOUT THE UNL ACTUARIAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln boasts a strong history in actuarial science. In the 1920s, math professor Floyd Harper taught actuarial mathematics. The program formalized in 1957 when industry leaders in the Nebraska Actuaries Club hired a director and provided external funding and oversight. Today, our students can major in actuarial science either through the College of Business or the College of Arts and Sciences. We are physically housed in the College of Business, and in 2017 we moved into our new 240,000-square-foot Howard L. Hawks Hall, which will be the venue for the conference. Within the College of Business, we are a part of the Department of Finance and currently have seven full-time faculty members in actuarial science and one in risk management and insurance. Of these eight faculty members, six are active in research, and two are professors of practice with industry experience. We offer both an undergraduate and a graduate program in actuarial science. Our 400 students come from 23 states and 14 countries.

The website for the conference, which will be updated often, is <https://business.unl.edu/arc>. It includes videos about the conference and the city.

The Nebraska faculty, staff, students and industry all look forward to welcoming you at the 2020 ARC for a great conference and a fantastic visit to Lincoln! ■



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