

Calling all Educators: Host the 2023 or the 2024 Actuarial Research Conference!

The Society of Actuaries (SOA) Education & Research (E&R) Section is seeking proposals from schools/universities wishing to host the 58th Actuarial Research Conference (ARC) in 2023 or the 59th ARC in 2024. Please indicate if you are applying to host just 2023, or 2024, or wish to be considered for either year. If you wish to be considered for both years, but have a preference for one year over another, please state that preference.

If your school or university is interested in applying, send your formal proposal to the SOA E&R Section Council by Feb. 15, 2022, and include the following details:

Proposed Event Date and Location

- Indicate what dates you propose for this conference, taking into consideration industry events including ARIA, ASA, and IME meetings.
- Provide your school/university's location. Please include an overview of your metropolitan area including access by air travel, availability of nearby hotel options, etc.

Meeting Space and Lodging Accommodations

- Indicate whether you would prefer to host this meeting on-site or virtually.
- If in-person, please provide an overview of your conference facilities including:
 - Lodging options for conference attendees including both inexpensive dorm-like residence and full-service hotels.
 - Include average nightly rates as well as availability of transportation to/from the conference site, if applicable.
- If virtual, please provide detailed information on:
 - How conference attendees will access remote sessions?
 - o Will there be remote networking opportunities and how will those be facilitated?
 - What accommodations will be made to incorporate some level of interaction within sessions (e.g., audience polling)

Budget and Sponsorships

- What is the estimated budget for your school to host this conference, including estimated registration fees?
- Are there sponsors that might be interested in supporting the conference?

Previous Conference Experience

- Share details and results of conferences or similar events hosted by your school/university in the last three years.
- Has your faculty attended or participated in previous ARC conferences? Please provide details as to how many and the extent of their involvement.

Hosting an In-Person or Virtual Event

Some level of flexibility is still necessary regarding whether or not events can be held in-person, virtual or a hybrid format. We have found the virtual component allows the conference to be accessible to a much larger audience and you might want to consider adding a virtual piece to your conference. School/university submissions will be evaluated on their individual level of detail and ability to remain flexible to any pandemic protocols that may be in place at the state or local level.

Please submit your proposals to Jane Lesch (<u>jlesch@soa.org</u>), E&R Section Specialist, by Feb. 15, 2022. All proposals received by the deadline will receive equal consideration.

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