



Abstract Submission Guidelines

To submit a paper for consideration at the 2021 MEA Virtual Annual Meeting, please complete the Abstract Submission Form on the MEA website. Please note that the selection process will be more competitive than in previous years due to the need for a virtual conference platform. You may submit more than one abstract, but if selected the individual will be allowed to present only one paper. There is a separate submission process for undergraduate participants (please see the footnote below for more information about UG opportunities).

Professional Abstract Submission Fee: \$40.00

Graduate Student Abstract Submission Fee: \$35.00

MEA membership is required for abstract submissions. If selected for the program, please note you must also pay a Conference Registration Fee to present your research.

The paper abstract should be limited to one page. The Abstract Submission Form requests that you upload a copy of your abstract as a PDF document. Use the following format to name your file: "lastname-firstname-abstract" (e.g. "Smith-John-abstract").

Include the following information in your abstract submission document:

1. Your name & affiliation(s)
2. Title of the research paper
3. Co-author's name(s) & affiliation(s)
4. A pdf version of your one-page abstract
5. Two (2) Journal of Economic Literature (JEL) subject classification codes in which this work falls.

The body of the abstract should include:

1. A statement of your research questions and main findings
2. Any or all the following, where appropriate:
 - Indication of your paper's economic model or new method with references to prior work (author, year of publication) on which you build.
 - Research strategies used to evaluate your model prediction's congruence with the real world (e.g. estimation, stimulation, experimental evidence).
 - Any improvements of the proposed method over existing methods.
 - Research resources and data sources critical to your project's completion.
 - Project limitations and areas for further work.

***Undergraduate Participation**

The MEA conference has set aside special undergraduate sessions for presentations by undergraduate students. If an undergraduate student has independent research they would like to share, see the MEA website for the Undergraduate Proposal Guidelines (forthcoming). The deadline for undergraduate proposals is December 1, 2020.

Joint or co-authored papers between a faculty member and an undergraduate student are not eligible for consideration in the undergraduate paper sessions. Joint work should be submitted to the regular paper sessions. If included in the program, please note that the work must be presented by the faculty member. The undergraduate may share in the presentation, but it is required that the faculty member serve as the primary presenter.