

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Spring Conference on Applied Public Finance

May 10-11, 2024

University of Nebraska – School of Public Administration

Governments continue to face many challenges financing critical public services and responding to the demands of residents while also addressing the needs of public sector workforce. Public finance and budgeting researchers and practitioners can work together to provide decisionmakers with practical insights about financial management, raising public revenue, allocating public resources, utilization of technology, and preparing for disaster management and responses.

The conference is sponsored by the University of Nebraska at Omaha - School of Public Administration, University of Nebraska (NU) Foundation Grants for Pension Research, Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), and Wichita State University – Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs. We invite papers that focus on broad challenges in the areas of public budgeting, public pension and other employment benefits, taxation, municipal securities, public expenditure evaluation, fiscal federalism, financial management, infrastructure financing and asset management, and more.

We seek proposals that examine these and other policy issues at the national and subnational levels in domestic and international contexts utilizing a variety of empirical methods. We are particularly interested in papers that provide practical insights for state and local government officers on addressing their current budgeting and financial management challenges. Proposals will be reviewed and competitively selected.

Possible areas include, but are not limited to:

- Public pension management and investment;
- Intersections between disaster responses/management and budget policy;
- Social equity in public budgeting and tax policy;
- Innovations in revenue policy;
- Governance issues in public finance;
- The use of big data and data analytics for public budgeting and finance;
- Financing capital and asset management projects;
- Federal budgeting challenges and reforms;
- Current developments in state and local finance;
- Municipal securities.

Deadline for proposals: January 30th, 2024

Proposals should include title, abstract, authors, and contact information for the submitting author. Abstracts should not be longer than two pages. Accepted participants will be notified by February 29th, 2024. The author(s) should have a full draft of the paper to share with the discussants two weeks prior to the presentation date.

Participants may be asked to serve as discussants. Travel reimbursement may be available to cover up to \$1,000 in travel and hotel costs for one author per paper. Meals will be provided.

Proposals should be submitted to Dr. Trang Hoang ([tranghoang@unomaha.edu](mailto:tranghoang@unomaha.edu))

#### Location & Schedule

The conference will take place at the Community Engagement Center (next to the College of Public Affairs building) and Mammel Hall (near the hotel) in Omaha, NE. The conference will begin at 8:00 am on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and will end at 1:30 pm on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration, hotel, and travel information will be available in early March 2024.