

**COLLABORATIVE BUDGETING:  
FISCAL RELATIONSHIPS AND FINANCIAL NETWORKS  
TO ADVANCE GOVERNMENT WORK**

**Call for Proposals for ABFM's 37th Annual Research Conference**

October 23–25, 2025

At the Loudermilk Conference Center in Atlanta, Georgia

**Hosted by**

Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies  
University of Georgia's School of Public & International Affairs

**Deadline for Submissions: May 1, 2025**

The Association for Budgeting and Financial Management invites proposals for panels, papers, and posters for its 37th annual research conference, October 23–25 at the Loudermilk Conference Center on the Atlanta campus of Georgia State University. Proposals are invited from scholars, students, and practitioners of public budgeting and financial management on the full range of topics encompassed by our name. Proposals should address relevant issues at any level of government or other public-serving organization, across the full range of practical and theoretical applications. Examples of topics from panels and presentations in previous years are provided below.

This year's conference has a special interest in collaborative budgeting for effective and ethical government outcomes. Important subjects include:

- Horizontal and vertical fiscal relationships among different sectors
- The complex world of grants and contracts
- Networked public service delivery
- Collaborative fiscal response to crisis events

Panel, paper, and poster proposals must be received via [this link](#) by the submission deadline (May 1, 2025) to be considered for inclusion in the 2025 conference. Questions or comments about your proposal should be sent to the conference committee chair, Elaine Yi Lu ([ylu@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:ylu@jjay.cuny.edu)). The notice of accepted proposals will be sent by June 10, 2025. Conference registration, hotel, and travel information will be available soon at [www.abfm.org](http://www.abfm.org).

**ATLANTA and GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Georgia State University and the Loudermilk Conference Center are in the heart of downtown Atlanta. Nearby the venue and conference hotels are the world-renown Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca-Cola, Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Center for Civil and Human Rights, and Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

## PANEL PROPOSALS

Panels consist of a collection of up to four (4) presenters under a common theme. Proposals for panels must include the following:

1. Title of proposed panel (maximum 30 characters)
2. Panel chair or host (name, title, institutional affiliation, email contact)
3. Panel summary (up to 150-word abstract summarizing panel)
4. Panelists (name, title, institutional affiliation, title of presentation, email contact)

*Multiple panel proposals are welcome, but please indicate the priority of each panel.*

## PAPER PROPOSALS

Proposals for individual paper presentations. These will be assembled with other individual papers of similar themes into a session panel. Proposals must include the following:

1. Title of proposed paper or presentation (maximum 30 characters)
2. Presenting author (name, title, institution affiliation, email contact)
3. Abstract (up to 150 words)
4. List of any co-authors (names, titles, affiliations, emails)

## POSTER PROPOSALS

A dedicated time slot will be used for accepted posters to be presented, and a panel will select an outstanding poster for recognition and a modest financial award. The session is open to doctoral students. Proposals must include the following:

1. Title of proposed poster (maximum of 30 characters)
2. Author (name of doctoral student, institutional affiliation, name of major advisor, expected defense month/year)
3. Abstract (150 word abstract for the proposed poster)

Consideration of collaborative budgeting, fiscal relationships, and financial networks for government work may include any of the following topics:

- Accounting and Financial Reporting
- Budget Theory
- Capital Planning and Budgeting
- Citizen Participation in Budgeting
- Debt Financing and Management
- Federal Budgeting
- Financing Local Governments: Urban versus Rural Challenges
- Government Fiscal Health
- Intergovernmental Finance/ Fiscal Federalism
- International/Comparative Budgeting
- Not-for-Profit Finance/Financial Management
- Performance Budgeting
- Public Pensions
- Public Procurement and Contracting
- Public-Private-Nonprofit Partnerships
- Revenue Policy
- Tax Policy and Administration
- Public Budgeting and Finance related to policy areas such as National Security, Cybersecurity, Climate Change, Health, Housing, Education, Transportation, Disasters, etc.

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***(andrew.crosby@ucr.edu) with any questions***