

Invitation to Bid

SFS Cavalcade North America 2020

The Society for Financial Studies invites you to bid to host the SFS Cavalcade North America at your school! The SFS Cavalcade North America is a joint project of the Review of Financial Studies, the Review of Corporate Finance Studies, and the Review of Asset Pricing Studies. It is a high-quality conference covering all areas of finance. According to a recently published study by Sebastian J. Reinartz and Daniel Urban that compares top finance conferences: “The Society for Financial Studies (SFS) Finance Cavalcade conference is the best large finance conference according to the subsequent publication rates in TOP3 finance journals.” [Link](#)

The conference format is 55 minutes per paper with nine-to-twelve parallel sessions. Our goal is to provide a setting that produces the kind of in-depth participation of a smaller conference while accommodating the variety of papers of a larger one. We currently expect the 2020 Cavalcade NA to take place in a comparable time frame to the 2018 Cavalcade (i.e., May 21-24). To give you an idea of the scale, the 2018 Cavalcade had 135 papers on the program in nine parallel sessions and about 350 conference registrants. Presented papers, session chairs, and discussants are decided by SFS program committee.

The SFS uses the Cavalcade submission and registration fees to cover the cost of lunches on all session days, break-time food and drink on all session days, and complimentary registration to the conference and all events for all of the host school’s faculty and Ph.D. students. A host school bid offers to pay for some combination of items, such as receptions, dinners, breakfasts, or special events. In prior years, successful bidders have offered combinations that range in value from \$30,000 to \$60,000. Host schools are welcome to seek sponsorships and typically are able to offset most or all of their costs. We ask only that the SFS be notified of the sponsors. Bids are required to specify: a faculty sponsor, an administrative/event planning contact, an indication that the school can provide facilities to host nine-to-twelve parallel sessions, and indication that local hotels can handle up to 500 visitors.

We are accepting bids for SFS Cavalcade North America 2020 from **August 1-October 1, 2018**. For more information, please visit <http://sfs.org/financecavalcades/sfs-cavalcade-north-america-2020/>

For questions, please contact cavalcadenorthamerica@sfs.org.

We request those who intend to bid to notify the committee of their intention as early as possible.