

Invitation to Bid

SFS Cavalcade Asia-Pacific 2020

The Society for Financial Studies (SFS) invites you to bid to host the SFS Asia-Pacific Cavalcade! The Asia-Pacific Cavalcade is a high-quality conference series held every December in Asia-Pacific and covers all areas of finance. The inaugural conference was hosted by PBC School of Finance, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, from December 13-15, 2017. It was a phenomenal event! There were 387 submissions, 52 papers on the program, and 180 attendees. The 2018 Asia-Pacific Cavalcade was hosted by the Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research (ABFER), in collaboration with the National University of Singapore and INSEAD, and held in Singapore, had over 500 submissions, 60 papers presented and 230 attendees. The 2019 Cavalcade Asia Pacific will be held at the University of Hong Kong.

The Asia-Pacific Cavalcade builds on the success of the SFS North American Cavalcade, which started in 2011. It has grown in importance to the finance profession and proven to be a tremendous success. The 2017 North American edition had 1,024 submissions, 120 papers on the program, and 335 attendees. Reinartz and Urban (2017) compare nearly all finance conferences in “Finance Conference Quality and Publication Success: A Conference Ranking,” published in the *Journal of Empirical Finance* (www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0927539817300257). They find that the SFS Cavalcade is “the best large finance conference according to the subsequent publication rates in TOP3 finance journals.”

SFS is now accepting bids to host the 2020 Asia-Pacific Cavalcade. Any university in Asia, Australia, New Zealand, or the Pacific Basin is welcome to bid. The conference format is 55 minutes per paper with four-to-seven parallel sessions over 2.5 days. 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. The Cavalcade A-P 2019 will follow the time frame to the 2017 Cavalcade (i.e., Dec 13-15).

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. Host schools are welcome to seek sponsorships and typically are able 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 four-to-seven parallel sessions, and indication that local hotels can handle up to 300 visitors.

We ask those who intend to bid to notify the Committee of their intention as early as possible. We welcome preliminary inquiries and can provide further information to scholars interested in developing a bid from their institution.

BID DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2019

Please submit your bid to cavalcadeasiapacific@sfs.org.

For more information, please visit the conference web site: <http://sfs.org/financecavalcade/sfs-cavalcade-asia-pacific-2019/>