

Invitation to Bid SFS Cavalcade North America 2021

The Society for Financial Studies invites you to bid to host the SFS Cavalcade North America! This high-quality conference series, which is a joint project of the *Review of Financial Studies*, the *Review of Corporate Finance Studies*, and the *Review of Asset Pricing Studies*, is held every May and covers all areas of finance. According to a study published in the *Journal of Empirical Finance* 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” (www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0927539817300257).

The conference format has been 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 2021 Cavalcade to take place in a comparable time frame to other recent Cavalcades (i.e., May 15-29). To give you an idea of the scale, the 2019 Cavalcade, held at Carnegie-Mellon Tepper School of Business, had 135 papers on the program in 9 parallel sessions and more than 345 conference registrants. Presented papers, session chairs, and discussants are decided by the SFS Cavalcade North America 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. Host schools are welcome to seek sponsorships and often 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 nine-to-twelve parallel sessions, and indication that local hotels can handle up to 500 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: October 1, 2019

For more information, visit <http://sfs.org/sfs-cavalcade-north-america-2021/>

For questions and to submit your bid, please email cavalcadenorthamerica@sfs.org.