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OVERVIEW

Following the success of the first Entrepreneurial Finance and Innovation Conference (EFIC) in 2010, we will be organizing the second EFIC on June 27 and 28 in Boston. The aim of this conference is to bring to the forefront issues related to the financing of entrepreneurial firms, and to explore various institutional, legal, and financial sector developments that affect the creation of such firms, their rate of success, the dynamism of incumbent firms, and their contribution to economic development. The conference will also focus on understanding the role of entrepreneurs, various intermediaries, institutional investors, and financial markets in the governance of entrepreneurial firms. Of special interest is the effect of alternative forms of financing (such as debt and equity) on the creation and success of entrepreneurial firms, and international comparisons of institutional, legal (especially contractual), and market structures that foster entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial success. Conference papers will be considered for inclusion in a special issue of Review of Corporate Finance Studies. For submission procedures, please consult the conference website at <http://www.kauffman.org/efic>; the RCFS dual submission guidelines are described below.

CONFERENCE TOPICS

While submissions from a wide range of perspectives are welcome, the following are some of the topics the conference will focus on:

The role of access to finance in creating entrepreneurial firms, fostering their success, affecting innovation, and in their exit choice decisions

The role of financial intermediaries like banks, and private equity investors including venture capitalists and angels in entrepreneurial business creation and in the success of such ventures

The role of market structure and product market competition on the creation, financing, and success of entrepreneurial firms and in shaping innovation at entrepreneurial firms

Governance and board structure of entrepreneurial firms and its impact on the development and success of entrepreneurial firms

The capital structure of new firms

International comparison of institutional, legal, and contractual structures fostering entrepreneurship

The impact of the recent financial crisis on entrepreneurship and new business creation and innovation.

Policy proposals to encourage new business creation and innovation.

While both theoretical papers and empirical papers using any relevant data source are welcome, submission of papers using microdata (for example, Census datasets such as the ILBD, LBD, LEHD, LRA and SBO, as well as other microdata such as the Kauffman Firm Survey, Survey of Small Business Finances, Panel Survey of Entrepreneurial Dynamics, and Small Business Economic Trends, and the National Small Business Poll) to analyze any of the above issues are particularly encouraged.

Reasonable domestic travel expenses including airfare and accommodation for the presenting authors will be borne by the conference.

The absolute deadline for submission is February 15, 2011. However, authors of papers that are ready for consideration are highly encouraged to submit them as soon as the paper is ready for consideration. The organizers will inform authors submitting a paper by April end about inclusion in the conference. To submit a paper for consideration, please visit the conference webpage at <http://www.kauffman.org/efic>.

Dual Review Submissions

1. You must indicate on the conference webpage during your submission that you are interested in consideration by the Review of Corporate Finance Studies (RCFS) under the dual review program. There is no charge for submissions under this program.
2. Dual submissions will be reviewed by the conference program committee and will be made available for consideration by the RCFS.
3. Papers submitted for dual consideration must not be under review at another journal or the RCFS, nor can they be considered for dual submission if previously rejected by the RCFS.
4. At the discretion of the RCFS, dual submissions will be sent out for a formal referee report. If such a report is sought, then the paper's author will receive a copy of the RCFS reviewer's report.
5. Papers rejected at any stage of the dual review process are not considered to have been "rejected" at the RCFS. This also applies to articles sent out for formal review. Thus, authors are permitted to submit a future version of their paper (unchanged if they wish) to the RCFS without prejudice.
6. While under consideration by the conference and the RCFS, a paper may not be submitted to another journal (or the RCFS) until the author has been notified.