

Call for Papers – *Due April 30, 2018*

**The Academy of Financial Services 32nd Annual Meeting
October 2-3, 2018, Chicago, IL**

The Academy of Financial Services will hold its annual conference on October 2-3, 2018. AFS will be meeting in conjunction with the Financial Planning Association (FPA BE) at the *Hyatt Regency Chicago*. The AFS Conference will feature speakers, symposia, several special sessions, posters, and a reception. With the generous support of our sponsors, the Academy has awarded several best paper awards during past meetings and we anticipate continuing best paper awards in 2018.

Submission Information: Research papers and abstracts covering all aspects of individual financial management and education are sought for inclusion in the program. Papers in the areas of estate planning, insurance, tax accounting aspects of financial planning, investments, and retirement planning are encouraged. Proposals for panel discussions and tutorials devoted to current issues in individual financial management or the practice of financial planning will also be considered for inclusion in the program. Several sessions will be registered for Continuing Education (CE) credit with the CFP[®] Board.

Poster Presentations:

Featured research presentations (posters) will be highlighted during the meeting. One author should be available during the featured research segment to summarize the poster orally. Standard poster size and formatting guidelines apply.

The following information must be included in the abstract:

1. **Objective:** the background and purpose of the study. [40-60 words]
2. **Significance:** the gap in the literature/need for the study. [50-75 words]
3. **Method:** the description of the study, including design, participants, etc. and/or intervention. [50-75 words]

4. **Results:** key findings or at minimum, preliminary results; non-empirical studies should highlight and focus on the implications of the topic for the AFS audience. [100-150 words]

5. **Conclusions/Relevance:** main inferences drawn from results, potential application of findings, and relevance to financial planning stakeholders. [150-200 words]

Poster proposals do not qualify for Paper Awards.

Oral Presentations

To be considered for an oral presentation at the AFS conference, extended abstracts must provide sufficient detail to assess the overall contribution to the literature and specific relevance to personal financial planning.

- Full proposals (--may be incomplete manuscripts) should not exceed 1,500 words and may include up to two (2) pages of supporting detail (e.g., tables, figures) and one (1) page of references; preliminary results for empirical research.

Full proposals should include the above criteria listed under the poster presentation section above (without the word limit), including:

- A thorough review of the literature that demonstrates the need for the work
- A sound theoretical foundation for the work, or a proposed theory of change based on the literature
- Clearly articulated hypotheses, research questions, or goals of the present work, as appropriate
- Outline of methodological approach
- Results and appropriate implications and conclusions

Full proposals are eligible for award consideration. Accepted papers will be allotted 15 to 20 minutes at the session for presentation. Presentations will be followed by a question and answer segment.