

WFRN June 2018 Conference Submission Instructions

Submission deadline: November 1, 2017. Click [here](#) to begin the submission process.

Eligibility: The opportunity to submit an abstract for the June 2018 WFRN conference is open to all, but only members who have paid their 2018 WFRN membership dues and conference registration fees may appear on the conference program. Dues and conference registration fees may be paid after decisions about submissions have been made.

In order to promote broad participation of the work-family community, individuals may be an author or co-author on no more than two submissions. This limit does not apply to other session roles. For example, conference participants may be presiders, discussants or have other service roles on any number of sessions.

Submitting Previously Presented Work: Original work or previous work with new analyses is expected. If there are special circumstances that require modification of this rule, please bring it to the attention of the conference organizers.

Abstracts for individual papers and presentations are invited. Submissions of individual papers should provide a title and an abstract of 250 words maximum or 1500 characters. The papers may be assigned by the Program Committee to a regular session, included for presentation in a discussion forum (round table) session, or designated for presentation as part of a poster session. Contact information including email addresses should be included for the first author and all co-authors. To the extent possible, the abstract should include a problem statement, motivation, approach, brief results, and conclusions.

Session Proposals will also be considered. There are several types of sessions that the conference submission system is designed to accept.

1. **Symposium Sessions** involve a series of papers on a pre-set theme arranged by the symposium organizer. Submissions for this type of symposium require an abstract of 250 words describing the major theme that connects the presentations. A list of paper presentations, including contact information, paper titles and paper abstracts (if available), is also required. The proposal should indicate if the symposium will include a presider and a discussant.

2. **Panel Discussion Sessions** engage a group of panelists in an interactive discussion. These discussions do not require papers or presentation titles associated with each individual participating panelist. Submissions for this type of symposium require an abstract of 250 words describing the major theme that forms the basis for the discussion. A list of panelists, including email addresses and institutional affiliations, is also required. The proposal should indicate if the symposium will include a presider and a discussant.

3. **Professional Development Workshops.** In addition to the customary academic conference sessions, the WFRN conference will feature a number of professional development workshops. Examples include:

- Research incubator workshops
- Methodological workshops
- Grant writing workshops
- Publishing strategies
- Interdisciplinary workshops designed for researchers in traditional disciplinary departments
- Teaching workshops oriented to undergraduates or graduate students

- Training workshops oriented to managers and policy makers
- Policy workshops to help explain what policy makers need from researchers
- Communication workshops aimed at improving the effectiveness of communicating research to the press and to organizational and public policy makers
- Translation workshops designed to help facilitate the connection between research and organizational, community and policy interventions

Submissions for Professional Development workshops should include a 250 word abstract of the goals of the workshop. Workshop leaders should be identified, including contact information. Any workshop participants in addition to the workshop leaders should be identified and their roles explained.

4. **“Author Meets Reader” Sessions.** This session invites nominations of outstanding books published since 2016 that should be brought to the attention of WFRN conference participants and that are likely to generate an interesting discussion and opportunities to debate perspectives. Submissions should include a rationale for inclusion of the book on the program and the names of possible “readers” or “commentators” (250 word maximum).

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