



**SOUTHERN ECONOMIC
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Houston, TX**

Call for Graduate Students

The Southern Economic Association® (SEA) will host its 96th Annual Meeting in Houston, TX at the Marriott Marquis Houston, November 21-23, 2026 (Saturday to Monday).

The SEA recognizes the importance of opportunities for young scholars to establish a habit of attending professional meetings and subjecting their work to the criticism of other professional researchers working in their fields. To facilitate these opportunities, a number of sessions at the SEA 96th Annual Meeting will be designated as **SEA Graduate Student Sessions**.

Universities with a Ph.D. program in economics are invited to nominate one advanced graduate student, preferably a student who will be on the job market, to participate in one of these sessions. The SEA will arrange for a professional discussant to comment on each invited student's paper. Each SEA Graduate Student Session participant will receive:

- Complimentary conference registration (valued at \$50)
- Complimentary online student membership (valued at \$40)
- A \$100 travel stipend
- A Submission Fee Waiver for *Southern Economic Journal*.

To be eligible to receive these benefits, each invited student must submit a paper approximately one month prior to the meeting, which satisfies the following criteria: 25 pages or less (including tables), 12-point font, double spacing, and 1-inch margins. A link to relevant online appendices is acceptable.

Department chairs or graduate program directors interested in nominating a student should provide the following information to the SEA Graduate Student Program Manager, **Bryan McCannon (Illinois Wesleyan University)**, at **bryan.c.mccannon@gmail.com**:

- Student Name, Affiliation, and Email Address
- Paper Title
- Two (2) JEL Code Classifications
- Paper Abstract (1,000 characters or less).

The deadline for nominations is **Wednesday, April 1, 2026**.