CALL FOR PAPERS
39th Babson College Entrepreneurship Research Conference (BCERC)
Babson College, Wellesley, MA, USA
June 5-8, 2019

Abstract Submission Deadline: October 17, 2018
Doctoral Consortium Application Submission Deadline: December 5, 2018

Please join the world’s leading researchers and Babson College for the 39th Babson College Entrepreneurship Research Conference (BCERC), being held at Babson College, Wellesley, MA, USA, June 5-8, 2019.

The conference is scheduled to begin with a welcome reception on Wednesday evening, June 5, 2019. The conference sessions begin on Thursday, June 6, and end on Saturday, June 8, 2019.

The Doctoral Consortium held in conjunction with the BCERC is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, June 5, and end on Saturday June 8, 2019.

FOCUS AND OBJECTIVE
The focus of the conference is on cutting-edge empirical research in progress. The conference is not a forum for research on topics where entrepreneurship or venture creation is a side issue or where the focus is on small business management. We are looking for cutting-edge research that will advance the field in significant ways.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION
GUIDELINES FOR THE 2019 BCERC

• Abstracts should not exceed two (2) Single-spaced pages, and may not exceed the maximum limit of 900 words.

• We use a double-blind review process. To facilitate the blind review process, the author(s) name and information should NOT appear anywhere on the abstract. We will keep track of the abstracts using the computer generated control number that you will receive when you submit your abstract.

• You can submit up to (2) two abstracts. If your name appears on more than (2) two abstracts, we will ask you to withdraw your name from the additional abstracts.

• No paper can have more than (5) five authors.

• All abstracts are to be submitted electronically on the BCERC website.

• The on-line abstract submission site will open on September 12, 2018. The deadline for submitting an abstract is October 17, 2018.

When submitting your abstract please be prepared to:

• Enter the title of the abstract. Please Note: The title can be changed up to the submission deadline date of October 17, 2018.

• In the appropriate field, enter the contact information for ALL authors on the abstract: name, affiliation, and email address.

• Author information should not appear on the abstract.

• Choose a Main Topic from the list provided on the BCERC abstract submission site, and select the sub-topic that best reflects the content area of your abstract. The Main Topic and the sub-topic you select will be used in assigning reviewers and developing the conference program. If you are unsure, you can select “other.”

• All submissions will be acknowledged by email.

SUBMITTING ABSTRACT(S)
The following suggestions are provided in response to questions that have been previously asked on how to improve the chances that your abstract will be accepted.

The conference has 14 senior reviewers (Board of Reviewers) and a group of Ad-Hoc Reviewers. Every abstract is evaluated by two to four reviewers. While each reviewer makes independent judgments, there are some common threads that seem to distinguish accepted from rejected abstract.
The selection of papers for publication in *Frontiers of Entrepreneurship Research* (FER) BCERC Proceedings is based on the completed paper due before the conference. Any paper accepted for the conference is a candidate for publication in *FER*. Papers will be peer reviewed by the 2019 Board of Reviewers. The top 40, 6-page abridged papers will be published in the 2019 issue of *FER*. The abridged papers are *NOT* copyrighted by BCERC, and authors are free to publish the same material in any form in any venue with a notation that the work was presented at the 2019 BCERC and appears in *Frontiers of Entrepreneurship Research BCERC Proceedings*.

**PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE**

The three routes for participation in the research conference are:

1. The primary route is the submission and acceptance of a 2-page abstract on any topic dealing with entrepreneurship.

2. A second route for attendance is for habitual conference participants who select not to offer a paper for the 2019 BCERC. Any person with a total of four or more points from the preceding five years can request “non-author” admission. “Non-author” admission is based upon the extent of research contribution during the previous five years. Each author earns “points” as follows:

   - One point is received for presenting a paper at a conference during the years 2014 – 2018.
   - If the 6-page abridged paper is published in *FER*, the author receives another point.
   - Regardless of the number of papers that are presented or published, an author may earn only one point in each category in any one year.

3. The third route is by invitation. Those who have not been active in the past and are not planning to present a research paper are asked to send a letter or email of interest directly to the Director: Andrew Zacharakis, at: zacharakis@babson.edu and a copy to: papavasiliou@babson.edu

The 2019 conference will be limited to 350 people. The conference fees for authors of abstracts accepted for presentation at the conference and for researchers who attend on "points" is $950.00 USD. Once participants in these two categories have registered, special requests to attend the conference may be extended to others who provide a letter or email of interest. The conference fee for invitation by special request is $1,150.00 USD.

**2019 BCERC BOARD OF REVIEWERS**

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**2019 CONFERENCE DEADLINES**

It is essential that you submit your abstract, 1-page summary and your 6-page abridged paper by the deadline dates. All conference materials should be submitted as directed below:

**September 12, 2018**

Online Abstract Submission Site Opens
**Deadline Dates Continued:**

**October 17, 2018**  
Abstract Submission Deadline

**December 2018**  
Notification of Abstract Acceptance

**December 5, 2018**  
Doctoral Consortium Application Deadline

**March 2019**  
Receipt of the following submitted on the conference website, [www.bcerc.com](http://www.bcerc.com).
- 1-page 400-word summary. Instructions and guidelines will be sent with acceptance notification.
- Conference registration fee of $950.00 drawn on a US bank or paid by credit card.

**April 2019**  
The 6-page abridged paper. Instructions and guidelines will be sent with acceptance notification.

**May 2019**  
Preliminary Conference Schedule will be posted on conference website.

**June 5, 2019**  
Doctoral Consortium Program and Evening Welcome Reception.

**June 5-8, 2019**  
BCERC, Babson College

**September 2019**  
Selection of the 6-page abridged papers and Best Paper Awards for FER 2019.

*FER 2019 will be available on-line at the end of September of 2020.*

**DOCTORAL CONSORTIUM**

**OBJECTIVES**

The annual entrepreneurship Doctoral Consortium will provide 25 doctoral students intending to pursue research and teaching careers with the opportunity to:

- Gain insight into current research issues and methodologies in entrepreneurship through intense interaction with the consortium faculty.
- Meet leading research scholars in the entrepreneurship field and examine and discuss their latest endeavors.
- Meet and share strategies, challenges and experiences with other participants.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS**

Applicants should be currently enrolled in a program of doctoral studies with a concentration in entrepreneurship. Applicants will be evaluated based on their academic achievements, including publications and conference presentations. Preference will be given to those who are in the process of formulating a dissertation proposal or who will be doing so in 2019. When applying, students should be aware that they will be invited to attend only one BCERC Doctoral Consortium during their doctoral studies. We welcome applications from all countries. The Consortium will be conducted in English.

**FEES, EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Doctoral Consortium Participants will be responsible for their own travel and incidental expenses. Babson College will provide a significantly discounted conference registration fee for the 25 best qualified applicants (projected to be $700.00 discount meaning a conference fee of $250.00). The conference registration fee includes the following: lunches and refreshment breaks during the consortium and conference, Wednesday and Thursday evening receptions, and the Friday evening reception and dinner.

Failure to attend the conference and all sessions of the Doctoral Consortium will result in withdrawal of the grant. Additionally, you will be required to pay the full $950.00 conference registration fee. Doctoral Consortium participants will receive all materials distributed to conference attendees.

**HOW TO APPLY**

There is no formal application form. Applications are to be submitted electronically on the BCERC website at [www.bcerc.com](http://www.bcerc.com). The deadline is: December 5, 2018.

If you do not have a password please click on the BCERC membership link to enter your contact information and generate a password.

An application consists of the following three documents:

1. A letter (no more than 1 page in length) requesting admission to the Doctoral Consortium. The letter of application should describe the applicant’s qualifications, academic achievements (e.g. publications, presentations, etc.), research interests, and the present and planned topic/progress in the doctoral studies program so that we can schedule discussions with appropriate experienced scholars.
2. An up-to-date resume.
3. A statement from the Dean or an equivalent university official indicating that the applicant is a student in good standing in a doctoral program.

**Note:** Doctoral candidates who are authors or co-authors of an accepted abstract do NOT automatically qualify for the Doctoral Consortium, but must apply for admission, as stated above.

Applications will be considered only when all THREE required documents above are received electronically via the BCERC website. Applicants will be notified at the end of January 2019.