ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INFORMATION
41st Babson College Entrepreneurship Research Conference (BCERC)
Technical University of Munich, Germany
Co-sponsored by TUM Entrepreneurship Research Institute and TUM School of Management

June 9-12, 2021

Deadline for submission is October 14, 2020

OBJECTIVES
The Babson College Entrepreneurship Research Conference (BCERC) was established to provide a dynamic venue where academics and real-world practitioners, through spirited dialogue, could link theory and practice. BCERC has continued to bring the world’s leading academics together annually for what is considered to be the most prestigious entrepreneurship research conference in the world. Please join the world’s leading researchers for the 41st Babson College Entrepreneurship Research Conference (BCERC) at the Technical University of Munich, Germany. The conference begins with a welcome reception on Wednesday evening, June 9, 2021. The conference sessions begin on Thursday, June 10 and ends on Saturday, June 12, 2021.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS
• 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 14, 2020. The deadline for submitting an abstract is October 14, 2020.

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 14, 2020.
• In the appropriate field, enter the contact information for ALL authors on the abstract: name, affiliation, and email address. The 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.

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NOTES ON SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS
The following suggestions are provided 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 importance of the topic for entrepreneurship research and practice is explicit. These papers open up new research frontiers or offer new insights or perspectives that enrich discussion and discourse. Papers should address important, timely, and relevant topics.
- Papers should clearly explain the methods used to collect and analyze the data. Sources of data should also be clearly stated. It is also useful to state the current stage of data collection and when you expect to complete the data collection and analysis.
- If you are submitting an abstract on a continuing stream of research that you have presented at a previous conference, please explain what is new about the project in the abstract that you are submitting for the 2021 conference. Once you have presented a paper at a BCERC on a particular data set, it is less likely that the reviewers will accept another abstract on that same data if it is only a minor refinement of previous work (e.g., a more elaborate statistical analysis).
- The reviewers will consider the potential for completion of the work described in the abstract.
- Reviewers assume that authors of accepted abstracts entered with good faith and expect that the analysis proposed will be competently completed in time for the conference.
- Do not include references, tables, and the like in the abstract. Your name or contact information should NOT appear anywhere in the abstract.

FRONTIERS OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP RESEARCH (FER) BCERC PROCEEDINGS
The selection of papers for publication in Frontiers of Entrepreneurship Research 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 2021 Board of Reviewers. The top 40, 6-page abridged papers will be published in the 2021 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 2021 BCERC and appears in Frontiers of Entrepreneurship Research BCERC Proceedings.

PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE
There are three ways to participate in the annual invite-only conference:

1. Submission and acceptance of a 1-page abstract on any topic dealing with entrepreneurship.
2. A past conference participant who selects not to offer a paper, with a total of four or more points from the preceding five years, can request a “non-author” invitation. “Non-author” admission is based upon the extent of research contribution during the previous five years. Each author earns “points” as follows:

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a. One point is received for presenting a paper at a conference during the years 2014 – 2020.

b. If the 6-page abridged paper is published in FER, the author receives another point.

c. 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. An entrepreneurship academic that is not planning to present a research paper and has not been recently active in the conference can send a letter or email of interest directly to the Director: Andrew Zacharakis, at: zacharakis@babson.edu and a copy to: tlamenzo@babson.edu

The 2021 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.

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 14, 2020**: Online Abstract Submission Site Opens
- **October 14, 2020**: Abstract Submission Deadline
- **December 2020**: Notification sent to abstract submitters mid month
- **December 2, 2020**: Doctoral Consortium application deadline
  - 1-page 400-word summary. Instructions and guidelines will be sent with acceptance notification.
  - Conference registration fee of $950.00 from a US bank or paid by credit card.
- **April 21, 2021**: The 6-page abridged paper. Instructions and guidelines will be sent with acceptance notification.
- **May 2021**: Preliminary Conference Schedule will be posted on conference website.
- **June 8, 2021**: Doctoral Consortium Program and Evening Welcome Reception.
- **June 9-12, 2021**: BCERC at Technical University of Munich
- **September 2021**: Selection of the 6-page abridged papers and Best Paper Awards for 2021 FER.
- **September 2021**: 2020 FER will be available on-line.
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Babson College Bertarelli Family Award for the best paper on the topic of Family Entrepreneurship.


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