American Council on Consumer Interests
Call for Late-breaking Posters

Due by midnight February 18 US Pacific Time
Notification early March 2019

Annual Conference
Arlington, VA, USA   ⬧   The Westin Arlington Gateway   ⬧   May 21-23, 2019
Submit Here: https://proposalspace.com/calls/d/988

Please note: ACCI will accept only extended abstracts.

Only one (1) session will be accepted per submitter/lead author; Please do not submit more than one and do not submit if you have already been accepted to present as a lead author.

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Introduction
ACCI, the leading consumer policy research and education organization, announces a **Late-breaking Poster Call for Proposals for its Annual Conference**. The Annual Conference provides ACCI Members and consumer researchers, educators, and advocates an opportunity to explore local, regional, national and international consumer issues.

Terms and Conditions
- First & Corresponding Authors will be notified of the status of their submissions in early March.
- By submitting a proposal, you understand that registration fees and travel costs are your responsibility.
- Accepted proposal presenters are expected to, by April 18, 2019:

- o (1) register and pay registration fees, and membership if membership has lapsed (or become a member if not yet joined),
- o (2) Make your hotel reservations to stay at the site hotel. There is a $100 savings on the registration fee by staying at the site hotel; local attendees may contact the office for waiver of this requirement.
- All presenters (both oral and poster) will be asked to submit to the 2019 Conference Proceedings, the *Consumer Interests Annual.* These are typically due about five weeks after the conference.

ACCI Privacy Policy

Please view ACCI's Privacy Policy HERE. Note that by submitting your proposal, your name, job description, organization, email, and telephone number will be utilized within the submission system, ProposalSpace, a contractor with ACCI. In addition, we will utilize similar personal information in Sched.com, the agenda app for the conference. These are online systems and for full disclosure, attendees may be able to use the information there to contact you.

Topics for Submission

- Empirical studies and conceptual work that focus on financial services, food, health, and housing are relevant.
- Diverse research perspectives on these topics, including consumer research, advocacy, policy, protection, and education are also encouraged.
- Submissions that are theoretically grounded and contain significant implications for consumer welfare and protection are appropriate.
- Proposal submissions that examine the short- and long-term effects of economic instability on consumer interests due to changing social, health, and economic shocks are encouraged.

Please design your submission so that it clearly connects the conceptual or empirical work to ACCI's mission, which is to *enhance consumer and family economic well-being.* Proposals are peer reviewed.

> *ACCI is the leading consumer policy research and education organization consisting of a worldwide community of researchers, educators, consumer policy specialists and related professionals dedicated to enhancing consumer well-being. ACCI promotes the consumer interest by encouraging, producing and communicating policy- and protection-relevant research.*

Proceedings
- All presenters, including poster presenters, are required to submit, at a minimum, an abstract to the Consumer Interests Annual (CIA). Presenters whose research is pending publication may request their session be exempt from posting.
- In the absence of a more extensive or revised submission, what was submitted in the proposal will be used as their CIA submission.
- The Consumers Interest Annual postings are frequently cited.
- Instructions and a sample submission are posted on the ACCI Website and instructions will be provided to all presenters at the end of the conference.

Author Roles – You may only submit and present one proposal as First & Corresponding Author

- Manager/Creator – This is the person who originally submits the proposal on ProposalSpace. This person MUST be the same person as the <u>First & Corresponding Author.</u>
- First & Corresponding Author – **This is the one and only person with whom the ACCI office will communicate about this proposal.**
- Additional authors should be listed in the <u>order to be printed on the agenda</u>.

<u>Featured Research Presentations</u> (Posters)

- Featured Research Presentations (Posters) will be highlighted during the meeting:
    - One author will be given 60 seconds to summarize the poster orally in a general session, immediately prior to the poster session.
    - Following the oral 60-second overview, authors must be present to discuss their work with conference attendees in an informal setting.
- Poster presentations must meet the following criteria:
    - Maximum poster size will be confirmed closer to the conference.
    - Frame of approximately 1" around the perimeter.
    - The ACCI logo must be included on the poster in a size equal to the institution logo. **A template is provided, and its use is required.**
    - Poster proposals do not qualify for awards.
    - If your submission does not have, at minimum, preliminary results at the time of submission, it will not be accepted.
    - Helpful information on developing a poster is available at

        - http://www.udel.edu/research/presenting/posters.html
        - http://www.ncsu.edu/project/posters

The following information must be included in the abstract:
1. **Objective:** the background and purpose of the study.
    a. Use complete, grammatical sentences.
    b. Acquaint the reader with the background of the study and include a clear statement of the goals of the investigation or the hypotheses that the study was designed to test.
    c. 40-60 words.
2. **Significance**: the gap in the literature/need for the study.
    a. Provide a theoretical and/or empirical rationale of the need for the study.
    b. 50-75 words.
3. **Method:** the description of the study and/or intervention.
    a. Empirical studies: Describe the study design, participants (including manner of sample selection, number and gender of participants). The methods should be described in sufficient detail to allow the reader to judge their accuracy, reproducibility, and reliability. If this is an evaluation study, describe the intervention.
    b. Non-empirical studies (including policy reviews, recommendations for education standards and/or program direction), focus on the relevance of the topic for an ACCI audience.

      c. 50-75 words.
4. **Results:** key findings or preliminary results.
      a. Empirical studies: Identify the major findings or preliminary results. Provide sufficient information to allow reviewers to evaluate the validity and reliability of the results.
      b. Non-empirical studies (including policy reviews, recommendations for education standards and/or program direction), focus on the implications of the topic for an ACCI audience.
      c. 100-150 words.
5. **Conclusions/Relevance:** main inferences drawn from results, potential application of findings, and relevance to the consumer interest. Policy implications are especially encouraged.
      a. A brief and focused statement of the main inferences drawn from results, potential application of findings, and relevance to the consumer interest.
      b. 150-200 words.

Review Criteria

General
- Alignment with ACCI mission
- Of interest to ACCI's conference attendees
- Timeliness
- Significance of motivation and background
- Implications and contributions to consumer interests or well-being
- Originality of research

Quality of Proposal
- Clarity of purpose
- Theoretical framework
- Treatment of relevant previous research
- Data and methods description
- Presentation of findings
- Practice management and policy implications of the work
- Appropriateness of conclusions

Acceptance and Notification

Corresponding/First Authors will be notified of the status of their submissions in March. If your submission is accepted, the lead authors must attend the conference, pay the registration fee, and present the work. There needs to be a registration payment for every presentation that is given. Please do not ask a colleague, already presenting another session or poster, to present yours.

Registration, Travel and Hotel

By submitting a proposal, you commit to supporting your own travel and hotel costs, and to request any travel permissions required upon notice of acceptance.

Accepted proposal presenters are expected to:
- Register and pay registration fees.
- Make hotel reservations to stay at The Westin Arlington Gateway using the link or phone number provided on the ACCI website you by **April 18, 2019**. There is a $100 savings offered to each registrant if they stay in the site hotel, and local attendees may call the office for waiver of this requirement.

Estimated Costs:
- Please see the Conference Webpage for cost details. https://www.consumerinterests.org/conference-2019

For More Information or Questions

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How to Prepare Your Proposal for ProposalSpace

ProposalSpace Link: https://proposalspace.com/calls/d/988

Author Roles
- Manager/Creator and First & Corresponding Author must be one in the same person. **This is the one and only person with whom the ACCI office will communicate about this proposal.** This person should set their email filter to accept email from these two email systems: proposalspace.com and consumerinterests.org.
- Additional authors should be listed in the order to be printed. When you enter the additional authors, you will use their login email addresses to "find" them in the system so that they self-populate.

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1. Give the proposal a *nickname* so that if you have multiple proposals in your Proposal Space account, you can identify this one easily.
2. **Good to Know:**
   a. You may start the proposal and come back to finish it later. It is not submitted until you click the "submit" button.
   b. We suggest that you develop your submission in a word processor so that you can check spelling and grammar before you complete the online form. There is no spell-checker in the submission form.
3. Provide the formal *title*. Please **DO NOT USE APA title style**! Capitalize the important words as if you were writing the title of a book for its front cover. If you use APA title style, your proposal will be returned to you for editing. This is a conference, not a publication. (You should use APA style in the rest of the submission, however.)
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   b. This is incorrect: The three bears: One was found sleeping

      c.   This is <u>incorrect</u>: THE THREE BEARS: ONE WAS FOUND SLEEPING

4. What is the ***format*** you are submitting?
    a. <u>Featured Research Sessions (posters)</u>

5. Please consider me for a Featured Research Session Poster: *This field is left in as this Call-for is patterned after the full call and we have to keep the fields similar and in the same order.*
    a. Yes
6. Please list the ***key words*** that describe the content of your proposal. Separate each with a comma. If your submission is based on secondary analysis of an existing data set, please include the name of the data set as one of your keywords.
7. ***Abstract:*** To assist in assigning reviewers and for use in the final program, if selected, describe your submission in 200 words or fewer. Please do not use indents or separate paragraphs. Spelling and grammar are critically important. *Spell check!* Avoid use of symbols if possible as they will not translate when we download them.
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9. Please ***attach your proposal*** in WORD. Remember to **remove names and only keep the title to allow for blind review** before uploading. Please use Arial Font, 12 pt., single spaced. Please observe the word maximum (Short Abstract for Posters about 400-550 words
10. **Go to the Persons section** to enter yourself as the First & Corresponding Author. You may add additional authors here as well. This list will be used to list authors in the final program so please double-check spelling. ***Enter these additional authors in the order that they should appear***.
    a. Hint: If you are unable to add additional authors, logout then log back into ProposalSpace and it will then allow you to enter additional authors.
11. You may save a draft and continue to work on it until the due date.
12. ***<u>When you are done editing, don't forget to click Submit!</u>***
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