



American Council on Consumer Interests Call for Oral and Poster Presentations

Deadline for Submission - October 31, 2021
11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time USA (UTC-4)
Notification by mid-January 2022

Annual Conference

Clearwater Beach, FL, USA ♦ Sheraton Sand Key ♦ May 19-21, 2022
Submit Here: <https://proposalspace.com/calls/d/1339>

Please note: Extended abstracts are required for proposals. Accepted proposals nominated for awards will require the full paper to be submitted a later date.

The 2022 Conference theme is: ***What have we learned? The role of policies, programs, education, and other interventions in maintaining well-being in a disrupted world.***

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Introduction

ACCI, the leading consumer policy research and education organization, announces a 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.

ACCI Mission

The mission of ACCI is to enhance consumer and family economic well-being.

ACCI Vision

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.

Types of Submissions

ACCI is accepting submissions for Oral and Poster Sessions. Please select the one most appropriate for your research and follow the instructions as outlined below.

Oral Presentations

To be considered for an oral presentation at the conference, extended abstracts must provide sufficient detail to assess the overall contribution to the literature and specific relevance to consumer interest.

- Full proposals should **not exceed 3,000 words** and may include up to two (2) additional pages of supporting detail (e.g., tables, figures) and one (1) page of references.
- If your submission does not have, at minimum, preliminary results at the time of submission, it will not be accepted.
- Proposals accepted for oral presentation are eligible for award consideration so you may wish to review the criteria [here](#) and address the award requirements.
- Oral presentations will be allotted approximately 20-25 minutes at the Conference.
- Presentations will be followed by a question-and-answer period to encourage active discussion of the research work presented during the session.
- Full proposals, while not completed manuscripts, should be sufficiently well-developed to include the following:
 1. **Objective:** the background and purpose of the study.
 - a. Acquaint the reader with the background of the study and a clear statement of the goals of the investigation or the hypotheses that the study was designed to test.
 - b. The objective should show the ways in which the research is aligned with ACCI's mission of enhancing consumer and family economic well-being.
 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. Illustrate implications for practice management and/or policy.
 3. **Method:** the description of the study and/or intervention.
 4. **Results:** key findings or preliminary results. Describe results accurately, clearly, and in sufficient detail to evaluate validity and reliability.
 5. **Conclusions/Relevance:** main inferences drawn from results, potential application of findings and relevance to the consumer interest. Provide 3 to 5 implications of your study for practice management, policy, and future research.

Poster Presentations

- Posters will be highlighted during the Conference in several ways that include
 - An author preview or overview of no more than 60-seconds, and
 - Designated time during the Conference when authors must be present at their posters to discuss their work with conference attendees in an informal setting.
- A poster template will be provided to accepted poster authors, and its use is required.
- To be accepted, submissions must have, at minimum, preliminary results.
- Poster submissions do not qualify for a sponsored award.
- When you create your submission, you are asked if it is for an Oral Presentation, Poster Presentation, or either. If you select a Poster presentation only and do not wish your abstract to

be considered for an Oral presentation, please follow the outline shown above but limit your abstract to **1,000 words maximum**.

Symposia

ACCI occasionally features innovative and timely panel sessions as symposia at the Conference. These are usually on topics explored by a panel of presenters, established topical experts in research, policy, consumer activism, and/or business, each contributing a specific aspect of the topic. Symposia are selected that discuss emerging issues that may stimulate new knowledge, promote innovative practices, or influence policy that showcase different perspectives for the 90-minute sessions.

If you have an idea for a symposium topic, please contact Judith Tilton, jtilton@consumerinterests.org, for more information.

Review Criteria for Oral and Poster Proposals

Proposals will be scored based on the proposal strength in each of the following areas:

1. Alignment with ACCI's mission of enhancing consumer and family economic well-being
2. Addresses a clear gap in current knowledge
3. Has implications for practice management and/or policy
4. Conceptual argument, research and/or approach is original and will be of interest to ACCI conference attendees
5. Offers a well-reasoned theoretical or conceptual framework grounded in appropriate literature
6. Includes a clearly stated objective, hypotheses, research questions
7. Provides a strong rationale for the significance of the study and/or approach
8. For empirical papers:
 - a. The data and methods used are appropriate for the research questions/hypotheses and are described in sufficient detail to judge accuracy, reproducibility, and reliability.
 - b. Results are described accurately, clearly, and in sufficient detail to evaluate validity and reliability.

For non-empirical papers:

There is a clear link to potential applications to education, policy and/or research and relevance to the consumer interest.

Terms and Conditions

- Submitting authors will be notified of the status of their submissions in mid-January.
- By submitting a proposal, you understand that registration fees and travel costs are the responsibility of the author who will present.
- Submissions, if selected for a sponsored submission award, will be shared with the sponsor. The sponsor will not be allowed to publish the submission but will be able to review it and to contact the authors directly by email or phone. They will also be able to feature the winner and the title of the submission on their website and through PR efforts.
- Accepted proposal presenters are expected to, by **April 16, 2022**:
 - (1) register and pay registration fees,
 - (2) make hotel reservations to stay at the site hotel.
- All presenters (both oral and poster) will be asked to submit to the 2022 Conference Proceedings, the *Consumer Interests Annual* (CIA). These are typically due about five weeks after the conference. Instructions and a sample submission are posted on the ACCI Website.
- Student Members: A limited number of conference scholarships that cover travel and registration will be available. Watch for the Call for Scholarship Applications later in the fall of 2021.

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.

Submission Process

ACCI utilizes ProposalSpace as the submission system. The person who submits the proposal is the only person with whom the conference staff will communicate. Click [HERE](#) for detailed instructions submitting the proposal in ProposalSpace.

Acceptance and Notification

The submitter will be notified of the status of the submission in mid-January. If your submission is accepted, the presenting author must attend the conference (pay the registration fee) at his/her own expense. If a secondary author is also presenting, that person will also need to attend the conference (pay the registration fee).

- Registration details and additional Conference information will be available by **mid-November 2021** at www.consumerinterests.org.

Awards

ACCI hosts a robust conference awards program that includes several monetary awards for Oral Presentations. The top-scoring proposals are eligible for awards nominations and will be asked to submit the full paper at that time.

- Award recipients must plan to attend the conference and present; registration and travel costs are not included.

Not all awards described are given every year. For more information, please visit:

- [Richard L. D. Morse Applied Consumer Economics Award](#) - professional paper
- [Consumer Movement Archives Applied Consumer Economics Award](#) - student paper
- [CFP Board's ACCI Financial Planning Paper Award](#)
- [National Endowment for Financial Education \(NEFE\) Paper Award](#)

For More Information or Questions

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