Call for Abstracts

9th Midwest Graduate Student Summit – AERUS 2016
April 23rd– 24th 2016 | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will host the ninth annual Midwest Graduate Student Summit on Applied Economics, Regional, and Urban Studies (AERUS) on April 23rd-24th, 2016. The summit is designed to initiate intellectual dialogue on wide array of research areas and spur future research collaborations among participating young scholars. Work at any stage will be accepted, including completed research, research in progress, and research idea/proposal.

Conference presentations address a variety of areas of growing importance to regional scientists, economists, planners, and geographers. Participants are encouraged to submit a proposal on subjects related to the conference themes:

- Agglomeration
- Big Data
- Climate Change
- Community Planning
- Computational Economics
- Economic Development
- Education and Human Capital
- Energy
- Entrepreneurship
- Health and Epidemiology
- Housing / Real State
- Impact Evaluation
- Labor Economics
- Land Use
- Migration
- Natural Resources & Environment
- Nutrition & Food Security
- Public Policies
- Social Justice/Inequality
- Spatial Analysis
- Spatial Econometrics
- Sustainable Development
- Transportation

Submission guidelines:

Submissions will be received via email only. Please submit your proposal to aerus2016@illinois.edu. Your email should include the following fields:

- name, affiliation and e-mail for contact,
- research title,
- research areas (one to three of the areas listed above),
- paper stage (completed, in progress, or research idea/proposal),
- paper abstract (maximum of 350 words),

The deadline for submission is March 25th 2016.

Authors will be notified of decisions on their submissions by April 1st 2016. All presenting authors should register for the summit. Early registration fees ($35) apply until April 10th 2016. The cost includes breakfast and lunch on both days of the summit and the dinner reception on Saturday. Click here for further details about registration.

Lightning Session

There is an additional opportunity for graduate students to get feedback on more advanced papers. The Summit will include a lightning session where selected participants will have 5 minutes to present their paper. A distinguished scholar will serve as a discussant for the session and provide feedback to each paper. This will be a good opportunity for senior PhD students to practice their job market presentation.

If you want your paper to be considered for the lightning session, please include the following to your submission:

- a complete version of your paper,
- the words “candidate for lightning session” to the title of your email.

Papers selected for the lightning session will be considered for parallel sessions as well.

For additional information, please visit our website www.aerus.illinois.edu or email us at aerus2016@illinois.edu.