The 2023 GSU-RFS FinTech Conference

Frontiers of FinTech and Emerging Technologies

Call for Papers

In recent years, FinTech, or financial technologies, have been rapidly developing and reshaping business practices and the financial services industry. In parallel, emerging technologies, e.g., machine learning and big data methods, have also been increasingly applied in the study of financial economics. Such developments have generated considerable interests in the new and important research area of FinTech and emerging technologies.

Following the success of the first three FinTech conferences, the Department of Finance in the Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University and the Georgia FinTech Academy, together with the *Review of Financial Studies* will jointly host the fourth annual FinTech conference. The conference will be held on **September 22-23, 2023** at the Buckhead Center of Georgia State University in Atlanta. The conference is highly selective. We received more than 150 high-quality submissions for each of the past three conferences and 12 papers are selected each year for the program.

To optimize interactions among researchers, we plan to hold the conference in person. Nonetheless, we will keep safety in mind and follow the guidance provided by the government at the time.

We invite submission of theoretical and empirical papers on the frontiers of FinTech and emerging technologies, but not limited to, the following topics:

- **Novel analytic methods:** Applications of AI, machine learning, natural language processing, and other novel analytic methods in research for all areas of financial economics, including corporate finance, asset pricing, and financial intermediation
- **Big data:** the use of alternative, unstructured, and big data in financial research
- **Digital currencies:** CBDCs, stablecoins, and related regulatory and monetary policies
- **DeFi and blockchains**: Decentralized financing (DeFi), decentralized exchanges, and other applications of blockchains

- **New financial technologies** influencing various sectors of the financial services industry, including PropTech, InsurTech, and RegTech
- **Impact of new technologies:** the impact of emerging technologies, including AI, big data, blockchains, and other technologies, on the digital economy and financial markets and the associated regulatory issues

The submission deadline is **June 15, 2023.** Co-sponsorship with the *Review of Financial Studies* offers authors a dual submission option. The authors are encouraged to choose to submit to both the conference and the *Review of Financial Studies* but can also choose to submit to the conference program only. The RFS will make dual submission decisions prior to the conference dates in February.

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Submission Guidelines

Authors should submit an electronic version of the paper in PDF format no later than **June 15, 2023.** There is a submission fee of $50. Submission information is at the conference webpage: https://www.gsufintechconf.com/. Paper selection will be finalized by mid-August of 2023. The RFS dual submission decisions will be finalized before the conference dates in February.

Review of Financial Studies Dual Submission Option

Submissions to the conference can also be submitted to the *Review of Financial Studies* for dual submission consideration (free of charge). Authors must indicate on the conference submission website whether they are interested to have their paper considered under this dual review option with the *RFS.* For more details about the dual submission policy of the RFS please see http://sfs.org/dualsubmissionpolicy/.