



Western Economic Association International

Graduate Student Workshop

Bridging the Gap

Designed to help students prepare for the highly-competitive job market, this program offers selected Ph.D. candidates hands-on experience in job-market paper presentation skills and interview techniques. Since 2009 the workshop has been held in conjunction with WEAI's Annual Conference, which in 2017 will be June 25 to June 29, at the Marriott Marquis & Marina in San Diego. Your department is invited to nominate one Ph.D. student who plans to enter the job market by January 2018 to participate in this innovative program — if your institution is an Academic or Sustaining WEAI Institutional Member you can nominate two students; three students if a Supporting Member; or five students if a Sponsoring Member (see www.weai.org for more information).

Benefits to Students

- Complimentary WEAI green membership and complimentary conference registration.
- Economy class round trip airfare to attend the workshop, up to \$800.
- Four-nights stay at the conference hotel, June 24–June 27, 2017.
- Recognition in Association publications and at the Presidential Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting.

Schedule of Activities

- Meet and Greet Dinner | June 24, 6:00 p.m.
- Graduate Student Workshop Panels | June 25, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Graduate Student Mock Interview Panels | June 26, times to be determined
- Presidential Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting | June 27, 12:15 to 2:15 p.m.

To Submit Nominations

Please send the following information to Andra Johnson at WEAI (andra@weai.org). Please, no password protection in your pdf security settings.

- 1) Recommendation letter from student's thesis advisor (please title PDF file "<lastname>-letter.pdf").
- 2) A two-page synopsis of the student's job market paper, including references (please title PDF file "<lastname>-jmp.pdf"). Please ensure the title and student's name is included. A fully developed, but not necessarily final, version of the job market paper will be required from the selected students two months prior to the workshop.
- 3) Student's curriculum vita (please title PDF file "<lastname>-cv.pdf").

Criteria for Selection

A committee of the WEAI selects students based on topic importance, and originality of ideas and techniques.

Program Timeline

- 1) Nomination deadline November 15, 2016
- 2) Selections announced February 1, 2017
- 3) Job market paper (rough draft) expected April 15, 2017

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