



Royal Economic Society 2012 Annual Conference

Call for Special Session Proposals

The RES conference committee invites proposals for special sessions to be considered for inclusion in the RES 2012 conference programme. A Special Session would typically bring together 3 papers plus discussants but other formats can be proposed. There are no restrictions on topics. If you would like to submit a proposal for consideration, you should prepare a single-page document that indicates the theme, papers, speakers and discussant(s). Speakers should have provisionally confirmed their willingness to participate, and a good proposal would usually include a 100-word abstract for each paper. Please also include requests for travel costs if appropriate (see below).

Proposals are most likely to be successful when a session draws on the latest research and is likely to appeal to a wide audience. Special sessions may be on policy topics or applied research, but this is not a requirement, and proposals are invited across the whole range of economics. We are keen to support high quality special sessions, and we are able to offer some financial support for costs of session participants. For example, if a session included speakers from abroad who would otherwise be unlikely to attend the conference, then support could be used to cover their travel costs. It is envisaged that a figure between £500 - £1,500 might be available to a session organizer, but availability will depend on how many session organizers make calls on the overall budget. Proposals should make clear what level of funding they would require and what the funds would be spent on. The duration of special sessions is likely to be one hour 30 minutes. A common format is to have three speakers, each giving a 20 minute presentation followed by ten minutes of discussion, but organizers are free to suggest other formats.

Proposals should be submitted as a PDF to res2012@econ.cam.ac.uk by Friday 15th October 2011. Please include 'Special Session Proposal' in the title line of the message. The proposals will then be considered by a subpanel of the conference committee.