

Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis

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Call for Submissions: Presentation Abstracts and Workshop Proposals

Abstracts and Proposals due October 14, 2016

The [Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis](#) (SBCA) is accepting abstracts and workshop proposals for participation in our 2017 annual conference on [Improving the Theory and Practice of Benefit-Cost Analysis](#).

The SBCA is an international group of practitioners, academics and others who are working to improve the theory and application of the tools of benefit-cost analysis (BCA). We welcome submissions that support the enhanced use of such analysis to promote evidence-based decision making. We define BCA broadly, including cost analysis, cost-effectiveness analysis, risk-benefit analysis, applied welfare economics, damage assessment and other methods. Applications in any public policy area are encouraged. For example, proposals may be in such areas as:

- Civil and criminal justice
- Education and training
- Energy, natural resources, and environment
- Finance and financial markets
- Food and agriculture
- Health, health insurance, and health care
- International trade and development
- Safety and security
- Social welfare programs
- State and local policy
- Theory and methods
- Transportation and infrastructure
- Workforce and workplace.

Presentation/panel abstracts. You may submit an abstract for a presentation or organize a full panel. A full panel may consist of a chair and either four presentations and a single discussant, or three presentations and two to three discussants. Individual presentations or panels may address the link between theory and practice, the methods used to estimate particular types of costs or benefits, the application of BCA to specific case studies, the role of BCA in decision making or any other relevant topic. We welcome submissions from scholars, practitioners, and others working in academia, nonprofits, business and government around the world. Abstracts must be between 200 to 300 words in length and clearly describe the research.

*The Program Committee reserves the right to select only a subset of the panel abstracts for presentation or to reorganize the panels if needed. **Submissions are limited to one abstract per presenter, although you may be listed as co-author on an unlimited number of other presentations.** You may submit two abstracts only if one is for an individual presentation and the second is part of an organized panel; the two abstracts must address substantially different areas of research.*

Submission of an abstract for an individual presentation or panel is viewed as a firm commitment to participate in the conference if accepted. Entries received after **October 14, 2016**, are not guaranteed consideration by the program committee.

**SUBMIT YOUR
PRESENTATION ABSTRACT**

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Interested in helping your colleagues develop new skills or learn about new topics? We welcome **workshop proposals** on any topic related to benefit-cost analysis that will be of interest to others working in this field. Workshops may address basic skills or emerging issues. Topics of interest to those working in academia, government, industry, or nonprofits, in the U.S. or elsewhere, are welcome. Examples include:

- Basic skills related to conducting specific types of analysis
- Current theoretical and methodological developments
- Recent findings in particular policy areas
- Approaches for effective communication of analytic results.

Workshops – either full or half-day – are offered the day preceding the conference. Workshops may be designed as mini-courses, panel discussions, highly interactive conversations, or other formats. Innovative approaches are welcome. Workshops may not be used for commercial purposes and must provide a balanced perspective. Examples of workshops offered last year can be found [here](#).

Proposals will be reviewed by the 2017 Workshop Subcommittee based on the following criteria:

- *The relationship of the workshop topic to the interests and goals of SBCA members*
- *The qualifications of the organizer and the speakers*
- *The quality of the proposed format and agenda*
- *The likelihood that revenues from workshop registrations will exceed costs.*

*Note that each workshop must attract a minimum of 10 registrants by February 15 to avoid cancellation. Organizers may retain up to 50 percent of the net workshop revenues. **Submission of a workshop proposal is viewed as a firm commitment to organize the workshop if accepted.** Entries received after **October 14, 2016**, are not guaranteed consideration by the workshop committee.*

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For more information about the annual conference or the Society in general, please visit our website at www.benefitcostanalysis.org or contact sbcainfo@uw.edu.

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