

2022 GSU-RFS FinTech Conference

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 two 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 a third annual FinTech conference. The conference will be held on **February 18-19, 2022** at the Buckhead Center of Georgia State University in Atlanta. The conference is highly selective. We received around 300 high-quality submissions in total for the past two 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, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Emerging technologies and methods in corporate finance and investment research
- Machine learning and AI applications in financial economics
- Analysis of big data (e.g., alternative, unstructured, and high-dimensional data)
- Textual analytics
- Big data applications in novel topics such as climate finance, ESG, and the Covid-19 pandemic
- Blockchain technology, smart contracts, and digital currencies
- Alternative lending technologies/models in FinTech
- Financing innovations (e.g., crowdfunding, ICOs)
- Disruption by FinTech on traditional financial services and implications for the digital economy
- Regulatory issues and challenges in FinTech

The submission deadline is **October 25, 2021**. 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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Authors should submit an electronic version of the paper in PDF format no later than **October 25, 2021**. There is a submission fee of \$50. Submission information is at the conference webpage: <https://robinson.gsu.edu/academic-departments/finance/georgia-state-fintech-conference/> Paper selection will be finalized by early January 2022. 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* under its dual review system (free of charge), with the same submission deadline of **October 25, 2021**. Authors must indicate on the conference submission website whether they are interested to

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