

Call for Papers

Tenth Annual Research Conference on Population, Reproductive Health and Economic Development

September 8th and 9th, 2016

International Food Policy Research Institute
Washington, D.C.

Background

The Tenth Annual Research Conference on Population, Reproductive Health and Economic Development will be held September 8th and 9th, 2016 at the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington, D.C. This serves as the annual meeting for the Population and Poverty Research Network (PopPov), a group of academic researchers and funders from around the globe interested in how population dynamics affect economic outcomes. Selected papers will advance knowledge, addressing the themes relevant to the PopPov inquiry into how population dynamics and reproductive health affect economic development.

The Tenth Annual Conference marks the beginning of a new phase for PopPov. For ten years the Hewlett Foundation, the Population Reference Bureau, and other partners have initiated and nurtured the PopPov network. In this new phase, the conference will be organized and hosted by network members directly, and participants will self-fund their conference registration and travel, with limited availability of travel awards.

As part of this new phase of PopPov we are also welcoming submissions of projects that are in the design stage. These could be proposed designs for an upcoming randomized control trial, or other quasi-experimental impact evaluation or a detailed description of your proposed secondary data analysis.

Conference Themes

The conference scientific program steering committee invites paper submissions from both members and non-members of the PopPov network. Submitted papers should address important issues at the intersection of population, reproductive health and economic prosperity. We strongly encourage studies that are policy relevant, can make causal connections, and provide insight for programmatic or policy changes.

Some areas of particular interest for this year's conference include:

- Links between fertility and economic outcomes (labor force, consumption, savings)
- Intrahousehold bargaining and economic outcomes
- Impacts of interventions on marriage, fertility, health and empowerment
- Intergenerational spillovers (for example, the impact on children of interventions that target young women)
- Transitions to adulthood
- Aging
- Migration
- Urbanization
- Measurement challenges in economic demography research

A bibliography of research outputs from the PopPov Research Network may be found at <http://poppov.org/Publications-and-Multimedia>

Deadlines and Important Dates

May 15, 2016, (11:59 PM ET): Deadline for submitting extended abstracts or papers

June 10, 2016: Applicants will be notified of paper acceptance

August 26, 2016: Deadline for presenters to submit completed papers

Submission of Papers

Researchers are invited to submit either a preliminary paper, an extended abstract (2 pages minimum), or an advanced research proposal to the Tenth Annual Research Conference. Submissions must be sufficiently detailed to allow the steering committee to judge the merits of the research and must include a description of the research objectives, the data and research methods, some preliminary results (unless it is a project in the design stage), and the policy relevance of the research. Policy relevance may be defined as: (1) identifying a problem that needs to be addressed by government; (2) identifying or assessing potential policy/programmatic solutions to social/economic problem; (3) providing new information or techniques that may be used in design of social/economic/health programs. The official language of the research conference is English. For information on how to submit a paper online, visit PopPov2016.org/Submission

Travel Awards

Travel funds will be provided to assist a limited number of paper presenters who are without other sources of travel funding. Priority will be given to first to individuals employed or studying at developing country institutions, and then to other graduate students at non-US institutions. Applicants for travel awards must submit a travel award application together with their paper submission. For further information visit PopPov2016.org/Submission.

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