

Call for Papers
5th Annual
FDIC Consumer Research Symposium
October 15-16, 2015

Organized by the FDIC Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection

Authors are invited to submit research papers for the 5th Annual FDIC Consumer Research Symposium. The conference will be held at the FDIC's facilities in Arlington, Virginia, on October 15 and 16, 2015.

The symposium will facilitate discussion of research into consumers' capabilities, knowledge, preferences, and experiences in the market for financial products and services, as well as the effects of public policy interventions on the well-being of consumers, households, and communities. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Access to mainstream financial services
- Emerging or alternative financial products or services, such as prepaid debit cards or mobile financial services
- Household financial literacy and capability
- Household consumption and savings decisions
- Housing and mortgage market issues, including tenure choice, housing finance reform, and factors that influence mortgage loan performance
- Impact of recent regulatory changes on consumers or financial product markets

Authors may submit complete papers or detailed abstracts that include preliminary results. Papers presenting empirical analysis from a wide range of academic disciplines are welcome. Priority will be given to papers with implications for consumer protection-related policy, bank supervision, or that identify positive strategies that can be adopted by financial institutions or others serving consumers. Previous conference programs are available on the symposium webpage (www.fdic.gov/consumersymposium).

The FDIC will reimburse lodging expenses at the FDIC's Seidman Center for presenting authors. The FDIC also has a limited budget available to help defray travel expenses for presenting authors in need of funding.

All submissions should please be made in electronic PDF format to ConResearchSymp@fdic.gov by June 1, 2015. Please remember to include contact information on the cover page for the corresponding author. Please submit questions or concerns to ConResearchSymp@fdic.gov.