



Call for Papers
***Accounting Horizons* Conference on**
Bridging Accounting Research and Practice

Accounting Horizons will hold a conference on May 21-22, 2026 in partnership with George Mason University at Mason Square in Arlington, Virginia. We invite submissions of original, rigorous research that addresses pressing issues and problems facing the accounting profession and facilitates dialogue between academics and non-academics. The conference will include paper presentations and discussions, panel discussions, and keynote addresses, with a diverse group of participants drawn from academia, the preparer community, public accounting firms, standard setters, and regulators.

Submitted research papers should address a timely research question important to any area of accounting practice to include—but not limited to—financial reporting, audit, tax, ESG reporting, and accounting information systems (including AI and cybersecurity). The paper should be written in clear, concise, and plain language that is comprehensible to a broad audience. Authors are encouraged to use figures to accompany a minimum number of necessary tables. Research methods may be analytical, archival, design science, experimental, field study, qualitative, or survey. We welcome descriptive studies of new phenomena or emerging issues; first evidence after new regulations; or hypothesis testing of a fundamental research question. The submission should include up to 25 pages of text (double-spaced, 12-point font, and normal margins) and 40 pages in total.

All manuscripts should be prepared in accordance with *Accounting Horizons*' policies and manuscript preparation guidelines. Please submit your manuscripts through the *Accounting Horizons*'s homepage (<https://aaahq.org/Research/Journals/Accounting-Horizons>) by **October 1, 2025**. When submitting your manuscript, **indicate in your cover letter that your submission is intended for the 2026 *Accounting Horizons* Conference and provide a brief statement as to why your paper is of timely interest to non-academics.**

Submissions will be assigned to an editor with relevant expertise for initial screening. The editor's recommendation and the reviewers' comments will be considered by the program committee in selecting papers for conference presentation. Authors of the papers selected for presentation will be notified in January 2026. Following the conference, these papers will be further processed at *Accounting Horizons*. Papers not selected for the conference will also receive full consideration for publication in *Accounting Horizons* using the normal review standards. Questions about this Call should be directed to Karen Nelson (k.nelson@tcu.edu). Please visit the conference website (https://business.gmu.edu/2026_accounting_horizons_conference) for additional information.

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About the Journal:

Accounting Horizons was founded in 1987 by the American Accounting Association (AAA) as an academic journal to bridge accounting academics and non-academics by publishing rigorous original research papers and thought-provoking perspectives articles. The journal is one of the three association-wide journals of the AAA and the second most downloaded journal in the AAA family of 17 journals. Among the top-12 academic accounting journals in the world, *Accounting Horizons* is the second best-rated by practitioners for relevance and impact, according to Burton et al. ("Relevance of accounting research (ROAR) scores: Ratings of titles and abstracts by accounting professionals," *Accounting Horizons*, 2022, 36 (2): 7-18). The journal has about 30 editors, ad hoc editors, and guest editors.