



## Call for Abstracts

University Research Center (URC), a division of Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) is hosting its seventh annual Advancing Mississippi Conference on **Friday, September 23, 2022**, in Jackson. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to making Mississippi's future brighter for all citizens. Conference papers should address long-term challenges facing the state. For example, Mississippi faces systemic challenges such as low human capital, low educational attainment, and relatively poor health. Other potential topics include trends in population growth, crime, tax policy and additional issues that may enhance or inhibit economic growth. The goal of the conference is to uncover productive ways to overcome challenges and foster growth in Mississippi, while creating better economic conditions for all Mississippians.

Conference participation is open to researchers at all levels including graduate and undergraduate students, faculty members and researchers not affiliated with a university.

**Abstracts will be accepted until July 15, 2022.** To be considered for the conference, abstracts must include a clear research question, data to be used (including sources), and a clear discussion of possible policy recommendations. The selection committee will notify the primary author by July 29, 2022, as to whether their paper has been accepted for conference presentation.

Please submit abstracts for the conference to Dr. Sondra Collins at [scollins@mississippi.edu](mailto:scollins@mississippi.edu) using "Conference Abstract" in the subject line.