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**BABSON
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46th BABSON COLLEGE ENTREPRENEURSHIP RESEARCH CONFERENCE (BCERC) AND THE DOCTORAL CONSORTIUM

University of Alabama, Co-sponsored by the Culverhouse College of Business
June 3-6, 2026 | Tuscaloosa, Alabama, USA



2026 BCERC CALL FOR PAPERS

BCERC DEADLINES

- **Abstract Submission Deadline: October 15, 2025**
- **Acceptance Notification: December 2025**
- **Doctoral Consortium Deadline: December 7, 2025**
- **Submission of Paper: April 2026**

The 46th BCERC will be held at the University of Alabama and cosponsored by the Culverhouse College of Business. The conference will focus on cutting-edge empirical research in progress that will significantly advance the field of entrepreneurship.



ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

- A two-page, maximum 900-word abstract, to include; Principal Topic, Method, and Results, should be submitted online to bcerc.babson.edu no later than October 15, 2025. Abstracts will be double-blind reviewed.
- Authors will be notified via email in December 2025 on acceptance of abstract.
- A one-page, maximum 400-word summary is due in March 2026. A six-page abridged paper is due in April 2026.
- Papers will be evaluated by members of the Board of Reviewers and selected for publication. The top 40 submissions will have their six-page abridged papers published in the 2026 issue of *Frontiers of Entrepreneurship Research BCERC Proceedings (FER)*. The papers not selected as the top 40 will have only the one-page summary in the 2026 issue of *FER*.

DOCTORAL CONSORTIUM

The Doctoral Consortium is scheduled for June 2 and June 6, 2026. Twenty-five doctoral students pursuing research and teaching careers will have an opportunity to participate in the program and attend the conference. Application deadline is December 7, 2025.

Information on BCERC Call for Papers and Doctoral Consortium can be found on our website at bcerc.babson.edu.

BABSON COLLEGE

| Arthur M. Blank School for Entrepreneurial Leadership

Babson College is the educator, convener, and thought leader for Entrepreneurship of All Kinds®. The top-ranked college for entrepreneurship education, Babson is a dynamic living and learning laboratory where students, faculty, and staff work together to address the real-world problems of business and society. We prepare the entrepreneurial leaders our world needs most: those with strong functional knowledge and the skills and vision to navigate change, accommodate ambiguity, surmount complexity, and motivate teams in a common purpose to make a difference in the world, and have an impact on organizations of all sizes and types. As we have for nearly a half-century, Babson continues to advance Entrepreneurial Thought & Action® as the most positive force on the planet for generating sustainable economic and social value.

The Arthur M. Blank Center for Entrepreneurship

Nearly 50 years ago, Babson College established its first center for entrepreneurship. The center was later named the Arthur M. Blank Center for Entrepreneurship in 1998 in recognition of the generous support of alumnus Arthur M. Blank '63, H'98. Today, the Blank Center is the home for the exploration and practice of entrepreneurship and new venture creation at Babson. Our programs, learning experiences, and thought leadership bring to life Babson's Entrepreneurial Thought & Action® methodology and prepare our stakeholders to identify and pursue entrepreneurial opportunity. We catalyze innovative ideas, develop entrepreneurial mindsets and skills, and inspire action.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Since its founding in 1919, the Culverhouse College of Business at The University of Alabama has been a driving force in shaping the future of business education. Today, it stands among the nation's leading business schools, recognized for its commitment to innovation, cutting-edge research, and impactful student experiences. Our faculty remain at the forefront of technological advancement and industry trends, ensuring students graduate with the practical skills, insights, and mindset to lead in an ever-evolving business landscape.

Entrepreneurship is a cornerstone of the Culverhouse experience. Through a curriculum that emphasizes leadership, innovation, communication, and data-driven decision-making, students build a strong foundation in business fundamentals while engaging with global perspectives and emerging technologies. This approach equips graduates to think entrepreneurially—whether launching their own ventures or driving change within established organizations.

At the heart of this entrepreneurial ecosystem is The EDGE, a state-of-the-art facility and initiative housed within Culverhouse in partnership with the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce and the City of Tuscaloosa. The EDGE empowers students and community members alike to transform bold ideas into thriving businesses. With access to collaborative co-working spaces, experienced mentorship, and real-world opportunities—from consulting engagements to new venture development—students gain firsthand experience navigating the startup journey.

Through pitch competitions, innovation bootcamps, and a robust network of entrepreneurs and business leaders, The EDGE fosters a culture of action, resilience, and creativity. It also serves as a hub for research and the development of innovative teaching tools, expanding the reach of entrepreneurship education far beyond campus borders. By generating new knowledge, fueling business growth, and creating jobs, The EDGE exemplifies Culverhouse's dedication to advancing entrepreneurship on a global scale.

