

2027 ICHRIE ESD Sponsored Undergraduate Research Symposium

**25-26 February 2027
Boston, Massachusetts
Hosted by Boston University**

CALL FOR PAPERS

This symposium focuses on contemporary issues related to hospitality and tourism and related industries. The author(s) require a faculty advisor/mentor and should be enrolled at an ICHRIE member institution.

Eta Sigma Delta (ESD) seeks a two-page abstract based on the conference themes below:

- **Operations, Leadership & Workforce:** Managing hospitality organizations and people.
- **Tourism, Destination & Experience Management:** Understanding destinations, visitors, and tourism systems.
- **Innovation, Technology & the Future of Hospitality:** Exploring emerging trends and digital transformation.
- **Teaching, Learning & Hospitality Education:** Advancing hospitality education and workforce preparation.

Important Dates:

- **November 16** – Two-page abstract submission deadline
- **December 4** – Notification of abstract acceptance
- **January 29** – At least one author must register for the symposium to secure placement in the program
- **January 29** – Full paper submission deadline (*optional; required for Best Paper Award consideration*)

Symposiums are usually non-scientific studies. However, submissions could be research, review, case study, or viewpoint with some research context. This research symposium is an opportunity for students, faculty advisors/mentors, and industry professionals to learn and share various hospitality and tourism and related knowledge and experience from their various discoveries. This symposium would contribute to the profession's body of knowledge through the presentation and discussion of various studies about hospitality, tourism, and related industries. The best papers will be invited for publication in the symposium-affiliated journal.

The research advisor or mentor must first review all the potential presentations before submission to the ESD Undergraduate Research Committee. All the submissions will undergo a blind review process by the symposium paper review committee. The student must submit a two-page abstract to the symposium review committee for initial consideration.

Faculty Endorsement

The sponsoring faculty member's name and email address must be included with each submission. Papers submitted without sponsoring faculty member information will not be considered for presentation.

Submission Instructions

The two-page abstract should be uploaded through Microsoft CMT by **November 16, 2026**; the paper must be submitted using 12-point font and double-spaced with one-inch margins.

- Register with Microsoft CMT using the following link:
<https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/User/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F>
- Once registered, click on "All Conferences" in the main screen. In the upper right corner, there is a text box that reads "type to filter". Type "ESDUGRS". Click on the conference name in the "Name" column.

Conference List

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Name	Start Date	Location	External URL
ICHRIE ESD Undergraduate Research Symposium 2027	2/25/2027	Boston, United States	https://ichrie.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_dailyplanetblog&view=entry&year=2026&month=08&day=09&id=144:2027-esd-und

- Click on “+Create new submission”. Follow all remaining prompts.

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Proofing Your Submission

Information for the printed symposium program and the proceedings will be taken directly from the submission. Ensure all names are spelled correctly, citations are in order, and all other information is accurate.

An electronic notice will be given by **December 5, 2026**, if your abstract has been accepted for the research symposium. At least one author must register for the symposium to secure placement in the program by **January 29, 2027**.

Presentations

Authors will present their work to students, faculty, and industry professionals as scheduled.

Consideration for a Paper Award

- Authors wishing to be considered for a paper award must submit a **completed study paper by January 29, 2027 using the same CMT Link above**. If authors **DO NOT** wish to be considered for an award, then not further submission is needed past the initial 2-page abstract.
- The Paper Review Committee will select outstanding papers for the Best and Most Meritorious Paper in each research track theme.
- Authors **MUST** follow the format and requirements below. Papers that are not in compliance will **NOT** be considered for an award; however, the paper can still be presented.

Full Paper (Completed Study) Format

To be considered for a paper award, author(s) must submit a final paper demonstrating a strong research design and effectively addressing the following criteria:

- Purpose & Focus
- Background & Context
- Approach & Evidence
- Analysis & Insights
- Contribution & Relevance
- Clarity & Organization

Paper Evaluation Criteria

Rubric Category	What the category means
Purpose & Focus	What are you studying and why? This is similar to the purpose statement, research question, or problem statement in a traditional research paper.
Background & Context	What do we already know about this topic? This is similar to the introduction and literature review, where you use relevant research and other credible sources to provide context for your work.
Approach & Evidence	How did you explore your question, and what information, data, or evidence did you use? How did you collect and analyze your information, data, or evidence? This is similar to the methods section, although the appropriate approach will depend on the type of project.
Analysis & Insights	What did you find or learn, and what does it mean? This is similar to the results and discussion sections, where you analyze, interpret, or synthesize your evidence rather than simply describe it.
Contribution & Relevance	Why does your work matter, and what can others take away from it? This is similar to the implications and conclusion sections, where you explain the value of your work for research, practice, education, industry, or other audiences.
Clarity & Organization	Can readers easily understand and follow your work? This considers the paper as a whole, including its organization, writing, flow, and overall presentation of ideas.

Full Paper (Completed Study) Submission Requirements

Final papers must:

- Follow American Psychological Association (APA) formatting and style.
- Be limited to 20 pages, including footnotes and exhibits.
- Use 12-point font.
- Be double-spaced with one-inch margins.

Papers exceeding the 20-page limit will be removed from award consideration.

For the full evaluation rubric and more information about International CHRIE, visit www.chrie.org.