

# 5th Holden Conference in Finance and Real Estate

October 9–10, 2026  
Bloomington, Indiana

## OVERVIEW

Following the success of the conference in past years, the Finance Department at the Kelley School of Business, Indiana University, is pleased to announce the 5th Holden Conference. The conference will be held at the Indiana University campus in Bloomington, Indiana.

We welcome both empirical and theoretical papers in all finance and real estate areas for presentation. We favor papers that have not yet appeared at major Finance conferences.

## FORMAT

We plan to include about 12 papers, and the conference will feature:

- A novel format with two discussants per paper (an empiricist and a theorist).
- The RCFS Holden Best Paper Award, sponsored by RCFS.
- Two best discussant awards, sponsored by WRDS.
- Dual Submission option with the *Review of Corporate Finance Studies*. This is a “no-fault” submission option. See <http://sfs.org/dualsubmissionpolicy/> for details.

We aim to foster an intimate environment for informal interactions among a small group of top academics. The program will begin on the morning of October 9th and conclude on October 10th after lunch. A conference dinner will be held at Oliver Winery on the evening of October 9th.

## SUBMISSIONS

The submission fee is \$95 (waived when all authors are Ph.D. students). Please start the submission process at the following link: <https://holdenconference.org/>.

The submission deadline is May 15th, 2026, 11:59 pm EST. We will notify the authors of accepted papers by July 2026.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Please address questions about the conference to [holdconf@iu.edu](mailto:holdconf@iu.edu).

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