

# Call for Papers

## **ARES 2026 Fall Research and Leadership Symposium at Harvard University**

**November 5-7, 2026**

Harvard Graduate School of Design, Gund Hall

48 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

The **ARES 2026 Fall Research and Leadership Symposium at Harvard University** invites paper submissions for its 2026 research conference, to be held November 5-7, 2026, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The meeting will bring together scholars, researchers, and industry leaders for paper presentations, discussant-led sessions, leadership forums and roundtables, and conversations on current and emerging issues in real estate, urban development, finance, design, and investment. The program will include parallel paper sessions, formal discussant comments, networking receptions, leadership and teaching roundtables and forums featuring key leaders from ARES, and conference events at the Sheraton Commander Hotel and the Harvard Faculty Club.

Paper submissions on all real estate and related research topics are welcome. Areas of special interest include:

- Real estate finance, investment, and capital markets
- Design, placemaking, and the built environment
- Technology, AI, PropTech, and real estate analytics
- Housing markets, affordability, and mortgage finance
- Urban development, redevelopment, and land use
- Infrastructure development, finance, and public-private partnerships
- Sustainability, resilience, climate risk, and energy performance

- International real estate, development, and investment

## Program Format

The conference will begin on Thursday, November 5, with a Harvard campus walking tour and opening reception at the Sheraton Commander Hotel in Harvard Square.

Paper presentations will take place on Friday, November 6, and Saturday, November 7, at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, Gund Hall. Sessions will include formal paper presentations and discussant comments, with two parallel tracks for papers. Friday's program will also include leadership and teaching roundtables and forums featuring key leaders from ARES, continuing the leadership component that has anchored the symposium in prior years, followed by a reception and dinner at the Harvard Faculty Club.

The meeting will conclude after lunch on Saturday, November 7.

## Submission Guidelines

Authors are invited to submit completed papers or advanced-stage research papers for presentation. Submissions should include:

- Paper title
- Author name, affiliation, and contact information
- Abstract
- Full paper or advanced draft
- Indication of any relevant topic area, if applicable

Accepted papers should be completed and circulated to discussants at least one week prior to the meeting. For the 2026 meeting, completed papers should be available no later than Thursday, October 29, 2026, to allow discussants adequate time for review.

## Important Dates

<b>Submission deadline</b>	<b>August 31, 2026</b>
<b>Notification of acceptance</b>	September 21, 2026
<b>Completed papers due to discussants</b>	October 29, 2026
<b>Conference dates</b>	November 5–7, 2026

## Location and Accommodations

### Meeting location

Harvard Graduate School of Design, Gund Hall  
48 Quincy Street  
Cambridge, MA 02138

### Conference hotel

Sheraton Commander Hotel  
Harvard Square  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

## Submission Contact

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**Please submit papers to:**

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*We welcome submissions from scholars across real estate, finance, economics, urban studies, planning, design, public policy, and related fields.*