THE 2024 DOCTORAL PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE
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Following a standing-room-only Doctoral Seminar program in San Antonio last year, The James R. Webb ARES Foundation will continue to support doctoral students to attend the 2024 ARES Annual Meeting in Orlando. In addition, the Foundation will continue to sponsor two manuscript prize awards exclusively available to Doctoral Program participants. These awards honor the service of Steve Kapplin and Elaine Worzala, whose leadership was essential to the current success of the ARES Doctoral Program. The Steve Kapplin Prize, won by Jamie Chung (University of Nebraska – Omaha) in 2023, will award $1,500 to the best paper presented by a North American student. The Elaine Worzala Prize, won by Julia Kreppmeier (University of Regensburg) in 2023, will award $1,500 to the best paper presented by an international student.

Doctoral students toward the end of their dissertation are invited to submit their dissertation research for consideration. Students selected to participate in the Doctoral Program will receive:

1. Complimentary Registration for the 2024 ARES Annual Meeting
2. A travel stipend to help with the expenses of attending the meeting in-person:
   a. Up to $1,500 in travel cost reimbursements for students attending a North American institution, or
   b. $500 credit towards conference hotel accommodation for students attending an international institution.
3. Eligibility for one of two $1,500 doctoral manuscript prizes

In addition, the Foundation will host a lunch for the students, ARES officers and board members, Session Chairs/Mentors and Foundation officers on Friday.

Please pass on this announcement and help us find doctoral students that are studying real estate or real estate related topics for their dissertations. Students can be studying in traditional finance or economics departments but if you know other programs that have real estate or real estate related doctoral programs please alert the directors of these programs about this fantastic opportunity for the students to practice their presentation & networking skills and if they are not already employed they might even find a job. As you know, these students are the lifeblood of our organization and our discipline so we need to recruit them to experience all of the wonderful things that ARES has to offer. We are looking for students that are close to finishing their dissertations as this is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

At the conference, selected doctoral candidates will be required to present in one Doctoral Seminar session on Friday or Saturday of the Annual Meeting and support their colleagues in other Doctoral Seminar sessions. At the assigned Doctoral Seminar session, candidates are expected to present their dissertation research and preliminary results. They are welcome to submit other papers to the regular program tracks but the work presented during the Doctoral Seminar sessions should be original work from their dissertations. Their dissertation need not be complete but preference will be given to students scheduled to graduate before May 2025.
As in the past, students will also be required to attend a session designed to provide advice for the students from senior ARES leaders and members. These panels are a mixture of senior faculty and influential practitioners who are prolific and active in the academic and practitioner marketplace. They share valuable insights on career paths for a doctoral student and what they should expect as they leave their universities.

Students do not have to arrive until Thursday morning (March 21) but they are encouraged to come as early as possible to get the full benefit of participating in the meetings. The Critical Issues panel on Wednesday afternoon is beneficial for networking and gaining real world practical knowledge about the current research needs of the real estate professional community and the Wednesday evening reception is open to all. In order to qualify for the travel stipend, students MUST make arrangements to stay through the close of sessions at or around Noon on Saturday, March 23, 2024, present their research in the Seminar sessions, support their colleagues in the Seminar sessions and attend the above-mentioned advice panel.

Travel stipends are awarded to students that successfully complete the participation expectations described above. Stipend amounts are based on the location of the student’s institution, not the nationality of the student. Once home after the Annual Meeting, students from North American universities will complete an expense claim with actual receipts for airfare, conference hotel & ground transportation to/from Orlando airport (MCO) and will be reimbursed for up to 90% of these expenses, with an upper limit of $1,500 reimbursement. North American students must also declare that there they are not receiving reimbursements from any other source. International students must stay at the conference hotel, Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Resort, to receive ARES Foundation support of $500 per student credited to the student’s room account on check-out. Please book early to secure a room as credit will not be granted at any other hotel. The Doctoral Program director will assist students with room sharing if needed. International student grants are per student, so two international students sharing one room would receive two $500 credits ($1,000 total).

To apply for this opportunity, use the ARES 2024 Annual Meeting submission on the ARES website, [https://www.conftool.org/ares2024/index.php?page=submissions](https://www.conftool.org/ares2024/index.php?page=submissions). Select the “Doctoral Seminar” track and submit a detailed abstract of your PhD research & findings. You must indicate your planned dissertation completion target (month and year) in the “Remark/Message from the Authors to the Program Committee and Chairs” section of the application. Applications must be completed no later than December 1, 2023 so we can let students know of their acceptance to the program by January 1, 2024.

Decisions for acceptance of completed applications will be based on the relevance of the students’ research and where a student is in the dissertation process. Students are only eligible for ARES Foundation benefits associated with the Doctoral Seminar once in their career.

International students are individually responsible for securing permission to enter the United States of America for the purpose of attending the ARES Annual Meeting. Accepted international students are provided with an invitation letter from the ARES Program Chair stating the student has been accepted to present at the 2024 ARES Annual Meeting along with the dates of the meeting. You can request this letter by selecting “Yes” to the VISA letter option when submitting your application.
At the time of application, there is no option for students to present research online. The 2024 
ARES Doctoral Seminar is planned as an in-person only event.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at jgabe@sandiego.edu. 
We hope you will encourage your doctoral students to take advantage of this fantastic 
opportunity and I look forward to meeting everyone in Florida!