

The Forty-Fifth Annual American Accounting Association/Deloitte Foundation/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium will be held June 15-19, 2016 at Deloitte University in Westlake, Texas (just outside of Dallas). The 2016 Consortium Planning Committee invites your organization to nominate a student to attend next year's Consortium.

Consortium Objectives The primary objective of the Consortium is to improve the quality of future accounting education and research by enriching the experience of selected doctoral candidates from U.S., Canadian and international universities. The Consortium provides a forum for examining accounting issues from different research perspectives. Formal presentations, panels and social activities provide opportunities for students to interact with today's leading teachers and researchers and with their peers from other universities. Breakout groups provide opportunities for feedback on participants' ongoing research and presentation skills.

Criteria for Participation Schools offering a doctoral program with a field of concentration in accounting are eligible to nominate ONE accounting doctoral candidate to participate. The nominee for participation must:

- 1 be a current student member of the American Accounting Association,
- 2 be enrolled in a Ph.D. program and have completed at least TWO YEARS of graduate work beyond the Bachelor's Degree,
- 3 have at least one more year remaining "in residence" at their university after the Consortium, and
- 4 NOT have been a full-time faculty appointee at any rank during the current academic year.

Although not a formal criterion, it is strongly recommended that the nominated student has begun the process of conducting independent research and has passed the qualifying exam.

Information for Participants Participants are required to arrive at Deloitte University on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 by 5:00pm, and stay for the entire Consortium. International travelers are allowed to arrive one day early, June 14, if needed. The program will conclude with a banquet on Saturday evening, June 18 and participants will depart on Sunday, June 19. The American Accounting Association will use the fees and a grant from the Deloitte Foundation that is funded by an endowment established by J. Michael Cook to pay participants' travel and lodging expenses during the Consortium.

We will contact invited students in January with additional information and request that they complete the information/agreement form. Participants will be required to submit a short write-up about a current or proposed research project for presentation and discussion in breakout groups. The write up will be submitted by April 1. Reading assignments will be available online approximately 1 month prior to the Consortium so that participants can prepare to participate fully in the formal and informal sessions.

The Planning Committee is looking forward to meeting the participant from your institution at next year's Consortium.