



56th Annual Meeting • February 24-26, 2027
Hotel Ballast Wilmington
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Program Tracks

Accounting, Economics, and Finance
 TBD

AI Tools: Implications for Research, Teaching, and Student Learning

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Analytics, Big Data Applications, Business Intelligence, Data Mining, Statistics, and Expert Systems

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Note: DASI sessions are by invitation only. Please contact the Track Chairs for information and details regarding proposals.

Entrepreneurship and Sustainability

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Healthcare, Public Sector, and Not-for-Profit Management

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Innovative Education, Assessment, Engaged Learning, Curriculum, Teaching and Pedagogy

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IS, IT, Blockchain Technology, Social Media, Information Privacy, Security, and System Resilience

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Management Strategy, Organizational Behavior, Organizational Theory, Human Resource Management

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Marketing, Consumer Behavior, International Business, Business Ethics, and Business Law

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Supply Chain Management, Production and Service Operations Management, Quality Management, Logistics, Hospitality, Recreation, and Sports Management

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Student Papers: Undergraduate, Master's, and Doctoral

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Submission Deadline: November 14, 2026

Competitive Papers

The submission of a competitive full paper or abstract (with subsequently submitted full paper) for review means that the paper is original and has not been previously copyrighted, published, presented, or submitted for publication or presentation. Outstanding papers will be selected and recognized at the meeting luncheon.

Symposia, Panels, Tutorials, and Workshops

Proposals for symposia, panels, tutorials, and workshops must be at least two (2) pages long describing what you intend to do and why it would be of interest and importance to members of the Institute. Submissions should follow the General Guidelines detailed here although considerable latitude will be allowed as to the content and format of these sessions. You must provide your own specialized computers or other equipment needed for the session (SEDSI will provide projectors). All participants in symposia, tutorials, and workshops must register and attend the meeting.

Please note that all papers, presentations, and panel sessions are held in-person. No virtual sessions will be available.

Hotel Ballast Wilmington is offering discounted room rates for registered SEDSI attendees from \$149 per night. The cutoff date for this discount is January 22, 2027. For reservations visit <http://www.sedsi.org> or call 800-HILTONS. Mention group code: SDS. Early reservations are strongly recommended!

Volunteers Volunteers are needed to serve as submission reviewers and as session chairs for the 2027 Program. Please contact the Program Chair at torabiex@jmu.edu by November 14, 2026 to serve the SEDSI community as a reviewer and/or as a session chair.	Student Papers The SEDSI 2027 Student Paper Competition welcomes papers written by Undergraduate, Masters, and Doctoral students. Papers submitted to any of the three Student Papers tracks must be solely of student authorship and will be subject to the same review process as regular papers. All student papers accepted by reviewers will be scheduled on the Program. Judges of the Student Paper Competition will evaluate the quality of each student paper. Additionally, judges will also assess the quality of presentation for undergraduate students for a separate award. Outstanding papers/presentations will be recognized at the President's Awards Luncheon.
Proceedings The SEDSI will publish an online version of Proceedings containing all papers presented at the meeting as well as summaries of all symposia, tutorials, and workshops. Authors are responsible for adhering to the standards outlined online in the Guide for Authors found at https://sedsi2027.exordo.com. Notification of acceptance or rejection should occur in December 2026, and accepted papers will be due in final Proceedings form not later than January 31, 2026. At least one author must register for the meeting and present the paper during the meeting.	Placement Service The SEDSI Placement Service will be provided at the meeting at no cost to applicants or employers. Placement Service forms for applications and positions are available at the SEDSI website: https://sedsi.decisionsciences.org Completed forms may be sent to the Program Chair at torabiex@jmu.edu.

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2. The submission to be uploaded must be in PDF and should include the title and, optionally, a one-paragraph abstract between the title and the body of the paper. The names of the authors should NOT be included on this submitted paper for the review process. At least one author of an accepted paper is required to register for, and present at, the conference.
3. Format citations and references using APA Style (<https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines>)
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