



20th Family Enterprise Research Conference (FERC)

July 21 – July 23, 2025

Dublin, Ireland

Hosted by

Dublin City University and Ulster University
on DCU St. Patrick's Campus

Submission Deadline: January 14, 2025

Notification of Acceptance: February 4, 2025

Call for Papers

We cordially invite you to the 20th annual Family Enterprise Research Conference (FERC), hosted by Dublin City University in partnership with Ulster University, to be held in Dublin, Ireland. Established in 2005, FERC is dedicated to developing a community of global scholars interested in conducting research to further our understanding of family enterprises and creating usable knowledge in this field. FERC's goals include:

- Building usable knowledge on family enterprises;
- Challenging scholars to enhance the rigor, relevance, and reach of research;
- Creating partnerships among and between scholars and practitioners focused on family business issues;
- Developing the field of family business scholars by providing professional development opportunities, especially for those early in their careers.

THREE types of submissions are invited for FERC 2025:

- (1) **Poster Session Papers** – a highly popular FERC staple!
- (2) **Paper Development Workshop** – full-length papers submitted to the conference will also be considered for inclusion in the Paper Development Workshop.
- (3) **Doctoral Students & Junior Faculty Research Seminar** – this exclusive seminar will include a paper development workshop and four, 90-minute research seminars lead by well-renowned scholars. A maximum of 12 individuals will be accepted.

Awards for best posters in the following categories – doctoral student paper, qualitative paper, quantitative paper, and theoretical paper.

Conference Overview (See detailed submission guidelines below):

<u>Scheduled Date:</u>	<u>Program Activity</u>
Monday July 21st, 2025	- Doctoral Students & Junior Faculty Research Seminar (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM) (Limited to 12 attendees: Separate registration applies for this session) - All-Conference Opening Reception (Evening)
Tuesday July 22nd, 2025	- Plenary Sessions and Paper Development Workshops (PDWs) (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM) - Riverdance at The Gaiety Theatre (7.30 PM)
Wednesday July 23rd, 2025	- Plenary Sessions and Poster Session Papers (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM) - Awards Dinner (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM)

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES - Either Extended Abstracts or Full-Length Manuscripts can be submitted.

(1) EXTENDED ABSTRACTS - Poster Session Presentation (July 23rd)

- Submissions accepted in English.
- Submissions using Microsoft Word are limited to five pages, excluding references and tables.
- Formatting requirements are: double-spaced with one-inch margins in 12-point font, using APA for references.
- Submitted paper abstracts must clearly identify and discuss the following 7 sections: 1) purpose of the project, 2) gap in the literature, 3) importance of addressing the gap, 4) manner in which this project addresses the gap in the literature, 5) methodology used in this research project (if appropriate), 6) summary of the results (if appropriate), and 7) implications of the findings for research and practice.

(2) FULL-LENGTH MANUSCRIPTS - Paper Development Workshop (July 22nd)

- Submissions accepted in English only (maximum of 35 pages, all-inclusive).
- The most promising full-length manuscripts submitted to the conference will be invited to the paper development workshop. A limited number of papers/authors will be eligible to participate.
- Following the review process by members of the FERC 2025 Review Board, you will be advised which session you have been accepted for (i.e., Poster Session Presentation or Paper Development Workshop).
- Only papers that have not been accepted for publication elsewhere will be considered.
- The submitting author must be the primary author (not a second, third, etc.) of the paper and must be willing to provide developmental feedback for one other paper/author as part of this session.
- Please consider submitting the best paper that you are moving toward publication.

All submissions will be blind-reviewed by members of the FERC 2025 Review Board.

Submit all extended abstracts and full-length manuscripts after November 1, 2024, at
[HTTPS://OPENCONF.ORG/FERC/](https://openconf.org/ferc/)

Program Highlights Include:

Riverdance Experience – On Tuesday evening, you'll have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend the world-renowned Riverdance show at the Gaiety Theatre. This iconic production has captivated audiences across the globe with its Grammy award-winning music, exhilarating choreography, and breathtaking performances. Learn more [here](#).

Awards Dinner – The Awards Dinner on Wednesday evening will take place in a stunning, historic Irish venue. During the event, we will present the Best Doctoral Poster (Danny Holt Award, sponsored by Mississippi State University) and the Best Poster Awards (sponsored by Grand Valley State University).

More to be announced...

