

CALL FOR PAPER PROPOSALS

The Impact of Housing Affordability on Economic Development and Regional Labor Markets

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Economic Development Quarterly (EDQ) is seeking research manuscript proposals on the impact of housing affordability on economic development and regional labor markets. Authors of the selected proposals will be invited to share their complete research findings at a two-day conference hosted by the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research and The Metropolitan Center, Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, Florida International University (FIU) in February 2020. In addition, the presented manuscripts will be eligible for consideration for publication in an EDQ special issue on Housing Affordability and Economic Development, planned for February 2021.

EDQ is the premiere applied academic journal publishing research on domestic U.S. economic and workforce development issues. Its mission is to promote research supporting the formulation of evidence-based economic development and workforce development policy, programs, and practice in the United States.

In addition to providing an opportunity for invited researchers to share their findings, the two-day conference will provide a forum for state and local housing policy experts in Florida and elsewhere to share best practices and ongoing policy initiatives.

POSSIBLE RESEARCH TOPICS

EDQ is seeking research manuscript proposals that will probe the fundamental questions of housing affordability on regional economic development and labor markets. Possible research topics could include:

1. The estimated magnitude of housing constraints on local labor markets and economic growth
2. The impact of restricting zoning and construction regulations on regional economic growth
3. The impact of housing affordability on different industry sectors and populations
4. The economic effects of economic development affordable-housing mandates on prices and supply, including rent-control policies
5. The re-examination of the characteristics of the traditional urban labor spatial-mismatch hypothesis
6. Evidence/impact of businesses moving to regions with more affordable housing opportunities
7. How increases in housing costs moderate the wage effect of local economic shocks
8. The income wealth inequality outcomes of tight housing markets, including impacts on intergenerational wealth transfers

9. How housing affordability impacts entrepreneurship
10. How to effectively respond to negative impacts of natural disasters on housing

Of course, other topics related to the general theme of the special issue may be offered.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Interested authors should submit paper proposals not exceeding three pages, double-spaced, describing the proposed research, data, and methodology. The proposed research must also address key issues and suggest policy implications that inform U.S. regional/state housing policy. Authors must also submit a current curriculum vitae.

Submitted paper proposals should not have been previously published nor be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Paper proposals must be emailed to edq@upjohn.org by **March 1, 2019**.

EDQ editors Timothy Bartik and George Erickcek will invite selected authors to present drafts of their completed research papers at a February 2020 two-day conference in Miami. While authors are expected to present completed manuscripts at the conference, we understand that the findings may be preliminary and encourage authors to revise their manuscripts as they receive constructive feedback from invited discussants. The senior author of the paper is expected to present at the conference.

Lodging will be paid for the selected authors and transportation for the selected authors will be reimbursed.

Following the conference, authors will then be asked to submit their completed papers to EDQ no later than March 31, 2020. Papers will be required to go through the journal's peer review process for inclusion in the special issue.

TIMELINE

- Paper proposals due by **March 1, 2019**
- Selected authors notified by **March 15, 2019**
- Review draft of completed paper due to conference committee by **December 1, 2019**
- Selected authors present papers at conference in Miami, Florida, **February 2020**
- Completed research papers submitted to EDQ no later than **March 31, 2020**
- Target release of EDQ special issue is **February 2021** (but may be published online in advance)

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