

## CALL FOR PAPERS SPECIAL ISSUE

### Journal of Hospitality Financial Management (JHFM)

*Best Leading and Innovative Teaching Practices in Hospitality Financial Management  
Education*

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#### **Background & Rationale**

The *Journal of Hospitality Financial Management (JHFM)* invites submissions for a Special Issue focused on best, leading, and innovative teaching practices in hospitality financial management education. As the hospitality industry continues to evolve amid technological disruption, shifting financial landscapes, and increasing demands for analytical and strategic competencies, there is a growing need to rethink how finance is taught within hospitality programs.

This Special Issue seeks to bridge pedagogy and practice by highlighting instructional innovations that connect financial theory with real-world application. Contributions are encouraged to showcase forward-looking curriculum design, applied financial frameworks, industry-integrated teaching approaches, and technology-enhanced methodologies that strengthen student learning and professional readiness. By bringing together research, practice, and educational innovation, the issue aims to advance the rigor, relevance, and global impact of hospitality financial management education.

#### **Objectives of the Special Issue**

This Special Issue aims to advance the quality, relevance, and global impact of hospitality financial management education by highlighting forward-thinking teaching practices and scholarships. Specifically, it seeks to:

- Identify, document, and disseminate leading and best practices in hospitality financial management teaching and curriculum design.
- Showcase innovative pedagogical approaches that enhance student learning, engagement, and career readiness.
- Examine the role of artificial intelligence, analytics, and emerging technologies in transforming hospitality finance education.

- Present applied, industry-integrated teaching models that connect financial concepts with practice, including asset management, valuation, and performance decision-making.
- Provide research-driven insights that strengthen the rigor, effectiveness, and practical relevance of instruction across institutional contexts.
- Promote international dialogue and collaboration aimed at elevating hospitality finance education within global academic and industry communities.

## Suggested Topics

This Special Issue seeks to advance scholarship and practice in hospitality financial management education by identifying, documenting, and disseminating best, leading, and innovative teaching practices. We welcome contributions that strengthen the rigor, relevance, and global impact of finance education in hospitality programs while bridging pedagogy with industry application.

Submissions may address, but are not limited to, the following integrated themes:

- **Pedagogical innovation and instructional design:** Evidence-based teaching approaches, experiential learning models, curriculum redesign, and classroom interventions that enhance student engagement and learning outcomes in hospitality finance.
- **AI, analytics, and emerging technologies in teaching:** Integration of artificial intelligence, data analytics, financial modeling tools, simulations, and digital platforms into hospitality financial management education.
- **Applied industry integration:** Teaching models that connect finance concepts with real-world practice, including asset management, valuation, investment decision-making, capital structure, risk analysis, and performance measurement in hospitality contexts.
- **Research on teaching and learning effectiveness:** Empirical or mixed-method studies assessing student learning outcomes, competencies, career readiness, and the impact of instructional innovations in hospitality finance courses.
- **Global and cross-cultural perspectives:** Comparative or international approaches to hospitality financial management education, including program design, accreditation alignment, and regional industry needs.
- **Conceptual and framework contributions:** Development of new teaching frameworks, curriculum models, or theoretical perspectives that elevate hospitality financial management education and its alignment with evolving industry and academic expectations.

We invite empirical research, conceptual papers, pedagogical innovations, applied case studies, and structured teaching models that offer transferable insights for educators, institutions, and industry stakeholders. Contributions should demonstrate clear implications for improving the quality, relevance, and future direction of hospitality financial management education globally.

## **Categories of Contribution**

The Special Issue welcomes diverse forms of scholarship that advance hospitality financial management education. Submissions may be organized under the following categories:

### **Empirical Research Studies:**

Quantitative, qualitative, or mixed-method investigations examining teaching practices, curriculum effectiveness, student learning outcomes, and educational innovations in hospitality financial management.

### **Pedagogical Innovations and Teaching Notes:**

Structured documentation of instructional models, classroom interventions, experiential learning approaches, and course design strategies that demonstrate practical implementation and impact.

### **Applied Industry Case Studies:**

Practice-oriented case studies that connect financial management concepts with real-world hospitality contexts, accompanied by instructor guidance notes and teaching applications.

### **Conceptual and Framework Contributions:**

Theory-driven or thought leadership papers proposing new teaching frameworks, curriculum models, or educational approaches that shape the future of hospitality financial management instruction.

## **Submission Format and Criteria**

All submissions must adhere to the standards and scope of JHFM and will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Clear Contribution:** Manuscripts must explicitly articulate their contribution to hospitality financial management education, whether theoretical, empirical, pedagogical, or applied.
- **Relevance and Practical Significance:** Submissions should demonstrate meaningful relevance to academic instruction, industry practice, or both, highlighting implications for educators, institutions, and practitioners.
- **Rigor and Implementation Clarity:** Papers should present measurable outcomes, evidence-based findings, or structured implementation guidance that allows for replication or adaptation across educational contexts.

- **Formatting Compliance:** Manuscripts must follow JHFM's formatting, citation, and submission guidelines as outlined on the journal's website.
- **Originality and Exclusivity:** Submissions must be original, unpublished work and not under review by any other journal or publication outlet.

## Review Process

All submissions will first undergo an initial editorial screening to assess alignment with the scope and objectives of the Special Issue and the *Journal of Hospitality Financial Management (JHFM)*. Manuscripts that meet these criteria will proceed to a double-blind peer review process to ensure scholarly rigor, originality, and relevance.

Where appropriate, authors may receive developmental feedback to help strengthen the contribution, clarity, and practical implications of their work. Final publication decisions will be made in accordance with JHFM's editorial standards and commitment to advancing high-quality, impactful scholarship in hospitality financial management education.

## Formatting Guidelines

Abstracts/Proposals and Full Papers must be written in Arial, 12-point font, with single spacing and justified margins. In-text citations and references must follow the American Psychological Association (APA) guidelines.

Manuscripts must be written in English and submitted as a single file, including tables, figures, and appendices, only when necessary.

Abstracts/Proposals should not exceed 1,000 words. Full Papers do not have a page limit; however, authors are expected to exercise discretion regarding the overall length of their manuscripts.

## Manuscript Submission Portal:

Authors are invited to submit manuscripts through our online submission system. Before submitting, authors are encouraged to review the journal's aims, scope, and author guidelines to ensure proper formatting and alignment with JHFM standards.

Submit your manuscript via the online submission portal:

<https://stars.library.ucf.edu/jhfm/>

## Tentative Timeline

The following timeline outlines the anticipated milestones for the Special Issue. Specific dates will be confirmed and communicated to prospective authors.

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>
Call for Papers Released	March 1, 2026
Abstract/Proposal Submission Deadline	May 15, 2026
Invitation to Full Paper	June 15, 2026
Full Paper Submission Deadline	September 15, 2026
First Review Decisions	October 31, 2026
Revised Submission Deadline	December 31, 2026
Final Acceptance Notification	February 15, 2027
Publication	March 1, 2027

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