

**CALL FOR PAPERS - 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID  
RESEARCH NETWORK CONFERENCE**

**HOTEL KENNEDY PLAZA**

**PROVIDENCE, RI**

**June 22 - 24, 2006**

The Student Financial Aid Research Network (SFARN) seeks proposals for presentations at the annual conference in Providence, Rhode Island. Proposals should be based on national, state or institutional level research or inquiries on student aid, college costs, student access, choice, and retention issues, or related matters. The Network is a national association of practitioners and consumers of research and policy analysis on student financial aid. Its members come from state grant and loan agencies, federal agencies, faculties and staff of postsecondary institutions, education associations, and other groups. The Network was created by members of the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs (NASSGAP) and the National Council for Higher Education Loan Programs (NCHELP) to encourage and disseminate research to inform public policies at the state and federal levels.

Proposals may be for individual papers or panel discussions. The conference is organized in plenary sessions (with between 100 and 130 participants) and individual presentations are usually limited to 30 minutes, while panels may be up to one hour. To help you better understand the breadth of topics covered, a list of selected titles from past conference presentations is attached. Papers on economic diversity and economic segregation in higher education—such as admission and enrollment trends for low-income students, and institutional and state programs, etc—will receive special attention this year.

**Please send a one-page abstract of your proposal by February 24, 2006 to:**

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The SFARN Planning Committee regrets that our budget does not allow us to waive the nominal Conference registration fee for persons selected to make presentations. However, we do have "tuition remission" grants available for graduate students who may wish to present papers.

Registration materials will be sent in March to all of those on the Network mailing list. If you are not on the list, please email your name and contact information to the Pell Institute addresses above.

To see selected agenda topics from recent SFARN conferences, please visit the Pell Institute website: <http://www.pellinstitute.org/SFARN.html>

Please forward this to any interested parties and/or any list-serves or mailing lists that you think would benefit from knowing about this.

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Send them to me! Looking forward to hearing from you -

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