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Special Announcement – March 20, 2025

Cross-Challenge Call for SSWR Papers

The Grand Challenge to Reduce Extreme Economic Inequality, in collaboration with the Grand Challenge to Build Financial Capability and Assets for All, the Behavioral Health Across the Grand Challenges cross-cutting workgroup, the Work and Work-Life Policies and Programs Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Special Interest Group, and the Universal Basic Income and Guaranteed Income Policies and Research SSWR Special Interest Group, **invites scholars across the Grand Challenges for Social Work to participate in a coordinated effort to form complete symposia submissions for [SSWR's 2026 Conference](#).**

Why Coordinate?

Submitting papers as part of a complete symposium—consisting of 3-5 papers on a shared theme, a chair, and a discussant—significantly increases the chances of acceptance at SSWR. By coordinating across Grand Challenges, we aim to connect scholars working on intersecting social issues, foster cross-cutting conversations, and strengthen the impact of our submissions.

Who Should Submit?

We welcome research related to any of the [Grand Challenges for Social Work](#). Whether your work focuses on social policies, community-based interventions, financial inclusion, or broader systemic change, we encourage you to contribute to this coordinated submission process.

How It Works:

- Add your paper title, brief abstract, and contact information to the [shared spreadsheet](#) by **April 1, 2025** (at the latest).
- Leadership teams from our collaborating groups will assist in organizing related papers into symposia based on shared themes.
- We will help identify appropriate chairs and (optional) discussants for these symposia.
- Each symposium will need one designated organizer to take the lead in submitting the proposal to SSWR.

This process offers a valuable opportunity to expand your network and collaborate across Grand Challenges.

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