



Frequently Asked Questions: Southeastern Conference (SEC) Symposium (www.SECSymposium.com)

1. What is the SEC Symposium?

The SEC Symposium is an academic conference-type event designed to address a significant scholarly issue by utilizing the range of disciplinary strengths of the Southeastern Conference's 14 member universities.

2. What are the SEC Symposium's goals?

The SEC Symposium seeks to increase the opportunities for collaboration among SEC faculty and administrators, and puts on display the research and innovation of all SEC universities.

3. Why did the Southeastern Conference establish the SEC Symposium?

The Southeastern Conference Presidents and Chancellors believe it is important to spotlight the academic excellence and to underscore the educational and economic contributions of the SEC's member universities to the vitality of the Southeast region, nation and world.

4. Who attends the SEC Symposium?

The SEC Symposium in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel highlights the research and innovation of SEC universities for an audience of academicians (faculty and students), government officials and other stakeholders. Event registration is online only at www.SECSymposium.com.

5. Why is there a lead university for the SEC Symposium?

Any SEC university may submit a comprehensive proposal for the SEC Symposium, developing it cooperatively with other SEC universities. The university submitting the proposal ultimately approved by the SEC Presidents and Chancellors becomes the lead institution for the SEC Symposium.

6. What is the lead university's responsibility for the SEC Symposium?

Faculty and administrators from the lead university are charged primarily with program development (e.g., creating sessions, identifying presenters, etc.). However, the university may also be involved with university communications, development and alumni relations to support the SEC event.

7. What is the SEC Symposium's format?

Although there is some variance from year to year, generally the SEC Symposium features presentations from faculty and administrators from each SEC university, along with a plenary/keynote address. Other activities include a university showcase that highlights the breadth of research endeavors from across the Southeastern Conference, poster exhibitions and the SEC Presidents, Chancellors and Provosts reception. The complete SEC Symposium schedule and list of activities is online at www.SECSymposium.com.

8. Is the SEC Symposium open to the media?

Members of the media may apply for credentials to cover the SEC Symposium. Details on the credentialing process, the SEC media policies and other resources for working media are online at www.SECSymposium.com. Media may also contact Sean Cartell (scartell@sec.org) or Bryant Welbourne (bwelbourne@sec.org) for more information.

9. How is SECU involved with the SEC Symposium?

The SEC Symposium is a cornerstone program of SECU, the Southeastern Conference's academic initiative, through which the SEC sponsors, supports and promotes collaborative higher education programs and activities involving administrators, faculty and students.

10. How can I get more information about the SEC Symposium or SEC academic initiatives?

For additional information regarding the SEC Symposium, visit www.SECSymposium.com or connect with the SECU academic initiative on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and/or YouTube. You may also visit www.TheSECU.com for information on the SECU academic initiative.