

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

// MIFE EARLY CAREER WORKSHOP

MIFE-Early Career Workshop 2026

19–20 November 2026 | Mannheim · Germany

Following the MIFE Conference on 18 November 2026, this year's **MIFE Early Career Workshop** will take place on **19–20 November 2026**. For this workshop, we invite **early career researchers** (e.g. doctoral students, post-docs and assistant professors in their early career phase) **from all fields related to financial literacy and financial education** to submit their proposals. Related fields include (but are not limited to!) economics and business education, economics, household finance, and psychology. Proposal formats and submission deadlines are detailed below.

TOPICS OF INTEREST

Financial literacy and financial decision-making | Design and evaluation of financial education | Understanding of monetary policy measures/Institutions and their effectiveness | Assessing and handling financial risks | Digitalisation and financial literacy | Credit knowledge/borrowing/repayment behaviour/over-indebtedness | Financial resilience and financial well-being | Other related topics

EARLY CAREER RESEARCH PRIZE ON FINANCIAL LITERACY

Jointly with the sponsor **Deutsche Bundesbank**, we will award the **Early Career Research Prize on Financial Literacy** (up to two prizes for €2,500 each) for outstanding contributions among the submitted full papers.

FORMATS FOR PROPOSALS

The regular format for the MIFE Early Career Workshop is a full paper which has not yet been accepted for publication. Manuscripts should be about 20 pages long (excluding the appendix) and must be written in English. Please note: Only full papers are eligible for the Early Career Research Prize on Financial Literacy and they must be accompanied by a cover letter. Please be sure to follow the submission guidelines for the full paper and the cover letter, which can be found [HERE](#).

In addition, we will include a format for research in progress, which is intended to open space for studies that have already been conducted in part, but for which a full paper is still being prepared. With this format, it is possible to submit an extended summary that should not exceed 5 pages and should include the following information: name(s) of the author(s), title of the proposal, abstract (max. 200 words), aims of the research, theoretical background, methodology, (preliminary) findings, theoretical and practical significance. The extended summaries must be written in English.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Proposals should be submitted in PDF format to MIFEconference@zew.de. The deadline for submissions is **1 September 2026**. Please indicate whether you are submitting a **full paper** (including the paper and the **cover letter**) or an extended summary. Acceptance decisions for all submissions will be communicated by the end of September.

WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

The workshop is planned as a face-to-face event and participation is free of charge. Participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

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MIFE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

Immediately before the **MIFE Early Career Workshop**, the MIFE Annual Conference will take place on **18 November 2026**. This year's conference theme is 'The Role of Financial Education for Inclusion and Participation'. Further information on the MIFE Annual Conference can be found [HERE](#).

CONTACT

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