

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Financial Market Liquidity Conference 2026 (AFMLC2026)**  
**Corvinus University of Budapest**  
**PBFJ Call for Pre-registered Proposals**

An exciting new initiative of the AFMLC2026 comes from one of our supporting journals, *Pacific-Basin Finance Journal* (PBFJ). Specifically, PBFJ is offering a publication pathway for high quality pre-registered research proposals. The pre-registration process focuses on accepting proposed projects based on great ideas and highly capable expert research teams who employ frontier techniques that deliver credible and reliable knowledge. Critically, the evaluation occurs before the research has been done, before the analysis, and before the data or sample have been collected, drawn, or scrutinized. The decision to publish is based on the importance of the research question and the strength of the methods rather than the significance or direction of the results. For more information on the pre-registration publication initiative, please refer to the article “PBFJ Editorial... Engaging with responsible science. ‘OPEN FOR BUSINESS’ – Launching the PBFJ pre-registration publication initiative” in PBFJ through the link provided below:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0927538X22001329>.

While all mainstream finance topics are eligible for this AFMLC2026 pre-registered research initiative, PBFJ is particularly interested in “bold” new research proposals focusing on:

- Household finance, and/or
- Machine learning, and/or
- CEE markets and contexts.

Those interested in trying out for this unique conference submission track:

- need to submit a 1,000-word pitch of your research idea identified as “phase 2” in the Editorial Note mentioned above (complying with the guidelines therein) by the conference due date.
- Additionally, a cover letter should be included that addresses the “phase 1” EOI information.

It should be noted that the conference will accommodate the best three such pitches in its program, but if the quality is high, some pitches not making it into the conference program might still be invited to develop a pre-registered report on a pathway to PBFJ publication ... at the discretion of the PBFJ editor.

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