Jackson Hole FAQs

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Read frequently asked questions about the Jackson Hole Economic Policy Symposium.

When is the 2026 event?

The 2026 Jackson Hole Economic Policy Symposium will take place Aug. 27-29. The topic is "Financial Innovation: Implications for Payments and Policy."

What's the purpose of the event?

The purpose of the Jackson Hole Economic Policy Symposium is to bring together central bankers, policymakers, economists, and academics from across the globe to discuss and share insights on important economic issues and long-term policy challenges.

How is it paid for?

The Kansas City Fed recovers the costs associated with the symposium through attendee fees. This includes fees paid by all participants to cover the event's expenses. Attendees are also responsible for their own travel, lodging, and personal expenses.

Who participates?

Attendees include representatives from central banks around the world, economists, financial market participants, academics, U.S. government representatives, and members of the news media.

Is the event open to the public?

Participation in the event is by invitation to ensure that the discussions remain focused and productive, allowing participants to engage in open and candid discussions about important economic issues without external distractions.

The Kansas City Fed ensures transparency regarding event in several ways:

- **Symposium proceedings and materials:** Papers presented at the symposium are posted online to the event's agenda page when presented. Transcripts and discussant comments are posted as available, generally within a few months. These papers and transcripts are compiled into proceedings books, also accessible online.

- **Chair's address:** Since 2020 the Federal Reserve Chair's address at the symposium has been streamed live through the Bank's YouTube channel.
- **Media participation:** More than a dozen media outlets are invited to participate in the event to maintain transparency and accountability.

What's the format of the event?

The symposium includes presentations, panel discussions, and Q&A sessions. It provides a platform for in-depth discussions on various economic topics and policy issues.

What's the significance of the event?

The event is significant because it is one of the longest-standing central banking conferences globally, with a history spanning over 48 years. It has a reputation for fostering critical discussions on global economic and policy matters.

More information

Learn more about the Jackson Hole Economic Policy Symposium here.

View a historical timeline of the event. A short book published by the Bank, *In Late August*, provides a detailed history of the event.
