



# University Symposium

Have you ever wondered what it is  
like to be Chairman of the Federal Reserve?

# Learn more about the Federal Reserve System and how our nation's central bank influences the U.S. economic and business climate.



## Program Highlights

- Purposes & Functions of the Federal Reserve
- Challenges and trends in the banking industry
- Current economic forecast presented by a Fed economist
- The Fed's role in setting monetary policy
- The effect of monetary policy decisions on the U.S. economy
- FOMC simulation, where students take on the role of Fed policy makers

## What is the University Symposium?

The University Symposium is a program that utilizes dynamic exercises and student involvement to educate undergraduate students about the functions of the Federal Reserve System.

This program is a half-day event held on your campus, at no cost to participants. Representatives from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco will be in attendance to conduct the Symposium, which includes engaging presentations from Fed staff on the Purposes & Functions of the Federal Reserve System, Banking Supervision and Regulation, and the conduct of monetary policy. The University Symposium concludes with a current economic outlook presented by a Fed economist, followed by a real-time Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) simulation, with university students taking on the role of FOMC members and voting on monetary policy and the target federal funds interest rates.

Federal Reserve representatives work with students and university staff for several weeks prior to the Symposium to answer questions about economic resources and offer direction on preparing student presentations. Faculty and students are provided with an easy-to-follow guide to the Symposium, and students are provided with a wealth of information on current economic conditions that will help introduce them to current debates on the economy and monetary policy.

## How do I get involved?

For more information about how to host a University Symposium or to contact your local Public Information representative, please visit our web site at [www.frbsf.org/education/teachers/symposium](http://www.frbsf.org/education/teachers/symposium).

## Did you know...

The FOMC is the Fed's monetary policy-making group. It consists of twelve voting members: the seven members of the Board of Governors and five of the twelve Federal Reserve Bank presidents. Meeting eight times a year, the FOMC discusses current and near-term economic and financial conditions and monetary policy, prior to making a decision to raise, lower, or hold steady the federal funds rate.

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