

# Call for Proposals to Host the State Politics and Policy Conference in 2024

The State Politics and Policy Section of American Political Science Association announces a call for proposals to host the annual State Politics and Policy Conference in 2024.

This annual conference is the flagship event of the State Politics and Policy Section. Each conference is co-sponsored by the section and *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*.

The section provides some support for the host institution, but the conference hosts take the lead in organizing and funding the conference.

## The mission of the State Politics and Policy Conference

The SPPC provides scholars interested in state politics – broadly defined – the opportunity to gather and share the latest research developments in the field. The mission of the conference is to expand the breadth and depth of scholarly knowledge about politics, policy, and policymaking as these processes unfold at the state level.

The primary interests of many of the scholars who attend these conferences lie squarely within the traditional domain of the state politics field. However, many others focus more generally on political institutions (such as legislatures and political parties), elections, political behavior, minority politics, specific policy areas (such as education or health care), or broader questions of policymaking and representation and use the states as an attractive research venue.

Given the goal of expanding knowledge and defining the field broadly, the annual conferences strive to cast a wide net regarding the types of scholars who participate. Previous conferences have used a variety of approaches to meet these goals. In addition to the traditional conference format of paper presentations and panels, past conferences have featured a range of innovations, including graduate student poster sessions, parallel specialty conferences (e.g., on term limits), mini-conference events within the conference (e.g. on identity politics), lectures by state elected officials, and so forth. The conference affords the host opportunities to promote their institution, department, and campus, and to play an important role in the continuing development of the field.

Details of past conferences can be found here:

<https://connect.apsanet.org/s22/sppc-conference/>

## Details about hosting the State Politics and Policy Conference

The section supports the annual conference by contributing 85% of one year's royalties from the section's journal, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. In recent years, this has been a contribution of around \$8000.

The section also supports travel to the conference for some of the graduate student attendees through the Carsey Fund, with \$300 grants awarded to (at least) ten graduate students.

Host universities have presented recent SPPC's with budgets ranging from \$15,000 to \$65,000.

Between 120 and 150 scholars typically attend the conference. The conferences usually include an opening reception on Thursday, meals on Friday, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. In the past, some conferences have offered additional funds to provide stipends for participants and/or graduate student attendees. The host of the 2024 conference does not need to follow suit, but the proposal should make clear what (if any) amenities the host intends to provide for conference attendees.

## **What to include in your proposal**

The State Politics and Policy section looks forward to your proposals to host the annual meeting in 2024! Please feel free to be in touch with the selection committee if you have any questions about the logistics of conference hosting as you develop your proposal.

Proposals for hosting the 2024 State Politics and Policy Conference should include the following information:

- Proposed theme of the conference (if any).
- Availability of resources and facilities for hosting the conference.
- Proposed budget for the conference.
- Proposed dates of the conference.
- Any special features of the conference.
- Complete contact information for those submitting the proposal.

Proposals should be submitted to the selection committee as a pdf:

- George Krause, University of Georgia ([gkrause@uga.edu](mailto:gkrause@uga.edu))
- Boris Shor, University of Houston ([bshor@central.uh.edu](mailto:bshor@central.uh.edu))
- Chris Bonneau, University of Pittsburgh ([cwbonneau@gmail.com](mailto:cwbonneau@gmail.com))

All proposals should be submitted by Monday, July 10, 2023, to guarantee full consideration.