



Request for Proposals: 2021 APPAM Communities

We know how important it is to network with others in the policy field: to share similar experiences, to collaborate on research, or simply to chat with people with similar interests . To make these connections easier, APPAM is pleased to continue the APPAM Communities program. APPAM Communities provides opportunities for any group of people to meet at the Annual Fall Research Conference to talk about the topics that are most important to them. This initiative builds on suggestions made by APPAM’s Diversity Committee, and other requests for additional networking opportunities .

We invite all APPAM members to submit an APPAM Communities gathering proposal for any purpose that they consider to be a priority. These get-togethers may focus on any number of shared interests or experiences, including, but not limited to race, ethnicity, gender, geographical location, methodology, innovative research topic, or research approach. Some past Communities include Women in Economics, Indigenous APPAM, Early-Career Faculty, PhD Candidates of Color, and LGBTQI. Space is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. APPAM will provide light refreshments and will post each event on its official schedule.

In addition to meeting at the conference, groups participating in APPAM Communities are invited to stay connected throughout the year through customized e-lists, created just for your group.

Proposals will be reviewed and approved by APPAM leadership.

Additional Logistics Information

Time and Location –

The APPAM Communities gatherings will take place during various times across the conference dates of November 11-13, 2021. Gatherings will be 45 minutes and will start on every hour, on the hour, during the conference, depending on volume. When submitting your proposal, please indicate a day preference(Thursday, Friday, or Saturday),. All gatherings will be in-person. Virtual access will not be available for APPAM Communities.

Meals and Refreshments –

All gatherings will be provided with light refreshments of APPAM’s choosing.

Costs and Logistics –

APPAM will cover all expenses and handle all the logistics associated with the APPAM Communities gathering. APPAM will create an event RSVP link. The organizer will be responsible for sharing the link

and event details within their networks. The get-together information will also be listed on APPAM's website.

Onsite Event Structure –

The APPAM Communities organizer will be asked to facilitate the event at the conference. This includes welcoming attendees, breaking attendees into groups (as needed) for easier discussion, and leading conversation with established points of conversation. APAM staff will not be available to assist in group facilitation.

Required Information for Submission

1. Organizer(s)

- Name, Organization, Title, Email Address; The organizer will be the facilitator of the event at the conference.

2. Contact Person (if other than the organizer)

- Name, Organization, Title, Email Address

3. Proposed Communities Group Name

- How would you like this gathering listed in the program?

4. Preferred Gathering Date

- Thursday, November 11th
- Friday, November 12th
- Saturday, November 13th

5. Description

- A brief description of the proposed gathering, including the commonality shared by potential attendees, and 3-4 planned points of discussion (no more than 250 words).

6. Target Audience

- Describe how the organizer will help reach out to potential event attendees

All proposals are due no later than August 13, 2021 and can be submitted via email to Tristanne Staudt, tstaudt@appam.org. At that time, each organizer will be sent the details for their APPAM Communities gathering. For any questions regarding the submission process or the 2021 APPAM Fall Research Conference, please contact Tristanne Staudt..