2021 Fall Conference
March 27-29, 2022
Austin, Texas

The Power of Inclusion:
Incorporating Diverse
Voices in Public Policy
Analysis and Management

Request for Proposals:
APPAM Communities March 2022

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.

2022 Update: The RPF initially opened in summer 2021, but we've reopened it since we can accommodate approximately four more gatherings on Tuesday, March 29th, 2022. Please see here for the already scheduled APPAM Communities gatherings before submitting your proposal. 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.

Proposals will be reviewed and approved by APPAM leadership.

<u>**Additional Logistics Information**</u>

Time and Location –
The APPAM Communities gatherings will take place during various times across the conference dates of March 27 – 29, 2022. Gatherings will be 45 minutes and will only be available for in-person attendees. The only available date is Tuesday, March 29th, 2022.

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 promote the sessions online and gatherings organizers are responsible for sharing the event details within their networks. The information will also be listed on APPAM's website under Conference Activities.

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), the primary facilitator of the event at the conference**
   - Name, Organization, Title, Email Address

2. **Contact Person, if other than the organizer**
   - Name, Organization, Title, Email Address

3. **Proposed Communities Group Name – How the gathering listed on the APPAM website**

4. **Preferred Gathering Time on Tuesday, March 29th. Check all that apply:**
   - 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

   - 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM

   - 1:30 PM – 2:15 PM

   - 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

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 **Tuesday, March 1st** and can be submitted via email to Samantha Oliver Thomason, soliver@appam.org. Once finalized, 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 Samantha Oliver Thomason.