

48th Annual Fall Research Conference

November 5-7 / Boston, MA

50 States, 50 Systems: State Policy Variations & Impacts

How to
Submit a
Panel



Before You Begin

Conference submitters & presenters (presenting authors, co-authors, panel chairs, discussants, moderators, speakers and session organizers) must have an APPAM [MemberClicks profile](#) **before beginning their submission.**

Before you begin, please make sure that everyone on your submission has an APPAM MemberClicks account. You will not be able to add them to your paper or session if they don't have one.

Returning Users:

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- If you are unsure if you have an account or how to access it, please reach out to the email below.
- Lapsed member profiles are restricted until APPAM reset the account.
- Contact membership@appam.org for assistance.

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- If you have never attended an APPAM event or do not have an APPAM profile, you must create one [here](#). You'll have the option to create a free non-member profile or purchase an annual membership.
- **Memberships is not required – select “No, thank you” on the membership dropdown if you wish to proceed as a free non-member profile.**

Please do not create a profile on behalf of someone else as the form requires confidential personal information.

Submission Menu Overview

- **Submit or Edit a Proposal** – This is where you will submit your proposals to the conference
- **View Single Paper Listing** – If you are looking for other papers to build a panel, you can find available papers here. Please note the poster submissions and student research papers are not included in the single paper listing.
- **View Profile and Upload Picture** – You can upload your headshot to the online program and view pertinent information about your profile. You will be able to see if your profile information is outdated and update from here.
- **Message Center** – You will be able to view all system emails and communication here

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WELCOME! You are now at the main menu. To begin the process of submitting a proposal, click the "Submit or Edit a Proposal" link listed in the menu below.

Submitter Menu

[Submit or Edit a Proposal](#)

Submit or edit proposals for this conference.

[View Single Paper Listing](#)

[View Profile and Upload Picture](#)

Upload a profile photo for the program.

[Message Center](#)

Read messages sent from this site.

Step One

Open the Call for Submissions page: [2026 APPAM Fall Research Conference](#). Please login into All Academic using your APPAM MemberClicks login information. Once you login, select “Submit or Edit a Proposal” then “Submit a Single Paper, Poster, Student Research Paper, Panel or Roundtable Submission.”

The image shows a screenshot of a web-based submission system. On the left, a sidebar titled "Submitter Menu" lists four options: "Submit or Edit a Proposal", "View Single Paper Listing", "Upload Profile Picture", and "Message Center". Each option has a brief description and a small icon. On the right, the main content area is titled "Submit or Edit a Proposal" and contains instructions: "To submit a paper or proposal, select the appropriate link below." Below this, a section titled "Submit a New Proposal" lists two options: "Submit a Single Paper, Poster, Student Research Paper, Panel or Roundtable Submission" and "Submit a Workshop".

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Step Two - Policy Area

Select your policy area. You'll find descriptions to the right of each area.

[Crime, Justice, and Drugs](#)

[Education](#)

[Employment and Training Programs](#)

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[Health Policy](#)

[Housing, Community Development, and Urban Policy](#)

[Innovations in Science and Technology](#)

[Methods and Tools of Analysis](#)

[National & Homeland Security and Crisis Management](#)

[Natural Resource, Energy, and Environmental Policy](#)

[Politics, Media, and the Policy Process](#)

[Population and Migration Issues](#)

[Poverty and Income Policy](#)

[Public and Nonprofit Management and Finance](#)

[Social Equity and Race](#)

Step Three - Select Submission Type

Select the Panel submission type.

Individual Presentation

[Poster](#)

[Single Paper](#)

[Student Research](#)

Session Type

[Panel](#)

[Roundtable](#)

Step Four - Submission Form

Complete the questions on this page and scroll to the bottom to click 'Accept and Continue.'

Save for later: If you are unable to fully complete your submission, 'Suppress and Continue', your submission, which will appear as a pop-up after you select 'Accept and Continue", until you get to the last submission page, where you will be able to save and finish your submission later.

Please note if your submission is incomplete and you do not select "Save and Finish Later", your submission will not be saved, and you will have to start your submission again.

***Title**
Type the title in title case -- as it should appear in the Program (limit to fifteen words).
Leslie Single Paper 1

***Abstract**
Please provide an abstract that is between 100 - 500 words.

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Step Five - Participants

In this step, you will add 3-4 papers, the panel chair and 1-2 discussants.

You can search for the participants by entering their name. If you cannot find a participant, they need to create a APPAM MemberClicks profile [here](#).

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If you find a profile with outdated information, please do not create a duplicate profile. Email conferencesupport@appam.org to update the existing profile information or if you have any questions during the profile creation process.

Current Session Participants: Leslie Test Panel 5

Chosen "Roles" are designated by the *

Icon Definitions: + Add Paper ↻ Order Participants ✖ Delete ✖ Remove ↶ Return ↑ Up ↓ Down >Show Field

#	Person/Individual Submission	Role/Type	Action
1	Test Panel Paper A [Abstract] Session Paper, Michelle Avaroma	*Panel Paper	> ↑ ↓ ✖
2	Test Paper B [Abstract] Session Paper, April Davis	*Panel Paper	> ↑ ↓ ✖
3	Test Paper C [Abstract] Session Paper, Andrew Pelesh	*Panel Paper	> ↑ ↓ ✖
4	Michelle Avaroma	*Chair	> ↑ ↓ ✖
5	Andrew Pelesh	*Discussant	> ↑ ↓ ✖
6	Leslie Ofori AmeriCorps VISTA	*Organizer	> ↑ ↓ ✖

Step 1. Add Papers
To add a paper title and author(s) to the session listing above click the "Add a Paper" button. Please add at least 3 but no more than 4 papers to the panel. Current Count: 3 of (3 - 4) [Add a Paper](#)

Step 2. Add Single Paper
Found papers in the single paper listing that you want to add? Has the presenting author in your panel already submitted their paper? Please have the presenting author of the paper you would like to add provide you with the All Academic Code/Paper ID and the email associated with their paper. Input both the code and the email address to automatically add the paper to your panel. [All Academic Code](#) [Email Address](#) [Add Single Paper](#)

Step 3. Add other participants (Organizer, Chair, Discussant)
Use the search box to the right to type in a first and last name to search the database for the participants you wish to add to your session.
Please add at least 1 Organizer, 1 Panel chair and no more than 2 Discussants to complete your submission.

Step 4. Accept and continue.
When your session is fully populated click "Accept and Continue." [Accept and Continue](#)

Step Six – Add a Paper Single Paper to Your Panel

To add any single paper submission to your panel, please enter the submission ID and email address associated with the submission as shown below. Please note that poster and student research submissions cannot be added to a panel.

The submission ID can be found by accessing your message center or in the submission confirmation email.

Current Session Participants: Panel Test 201

Not ready to submit at this time? Suppress and continue your submission until you get to the last submission page, where you will be able to save and finish your submission at a later date. Please note if your submission is incomplete and you do not select "Save and Finish Later", your submission will not be saved, and you will have to start your submission again.

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New in 2025, co-authors can only be added after the paper is accepted to the conference.

Icon Definitions:

#	Person/Individual Submission	Role/Type	Action
1	Test Paper Michelle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract Session Paper, Michelle Avaroma, APPAM	*Panel Paper	<input type="button" value=""/>
2	Samantha Oliver American Institutes for Research	*Organizer	<input type="button" value=""/> <input type="button" value=""/> <input type="button" value=""/> <input type="button" value=""/>
3	Andrew Pelesh APPAM	*Discussant	<input type="button" value=""/> <input type="button" value=""/> <input type="button" value=""/> <input type="button" value=""/>
4	Leslie Ofori APPAM	*Chair	<input type="button" value=""/> <input type="button" value=""/> <input type="button" value=""/> <input type="button" value=""/>

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Current Count: 1 of (3 - 4)

Step 2. Add Single Paper

Single Paper Listing Tool

Found papers in the single paper listing that you want to add? Please out to the contact listed for the paper you would like to add and ask them to provide you with their All Academic Code/Paper ID and the email listed in the listing. Input both the code and the email address to automatically add the paper to your panel.

Add a Paper That Is Not Listed

Want to add a paper that has been submitted that is not part of the single paper listing? Reached out to the original submitter of the paper and ask them to provide you with the All Academic Code/Paper ID and the email associated with the paper that you would like to add. Input both the code and the email address to automatically add the paper to your panel.

Note on the Original Submitter

If student Jane Smith has submitted a paper that her professor Lily Thomas will be presenting, she is the original submitter. You will need to enter the All Academic Code/Paper ID of the submission and Jane's email to pull the paper into the panel. If David Thomas submitted a paper that he'll be presenting, he is the original submitter. You will need to enter the All Academic Code/Paper ID of the submission and David's email to pull the paper into the panel.

All Academic Code
Email Address

Step Six - Add a Paper Continued

- You will now see the paper added to your panel.
- You can add more single papers from the listing to your panel.
- You can also include papers from colleagues, even if they haven't submitted them to the listing, if you have their submission ID and the original submitters email address.

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Policy Area Session Submission Type Session Submission Presenter

Current Session Participants: Leslie Test Panel 5

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6	*Leslie Ofori lofori@appam.org APPAM	*Organizer	  
7	Leslie Single Paper 1  Session Paper, Leslie Ofori, APPAM	*Panel Paper	  

Step Six - Confirmation

You will have the opportunity to review your submission. Please ensure that all the information is correct. When finished, click 'Save and Submit' at the bottom of the screen to receive your submission confirmation. If you would like to save your work and continue later, select 'Save and Finish Later.' The submitter and presenting author will receive a confirmation email immediately after and you'll have the option to re-send, if needed.

Panel Paper
[Keywords](#)

Test Paper B
Title (Panel Paper)
Test Paper B
Author
(Presenting Author) April Davis,
Abstract
[Edit Title](#)
[Edit Author](#)
[Edit Abstract](#)

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Individual Presentation
Panel Paper
[Keywords](#)

Test Paper C
Title (Panel Paper)
Test Paper C
Author
(Presenting Author) Andrew Pelesh,
Abstract
[Edit Title](#)
[Edit Author](#)
[Edit Abstract](#)

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Panel Paper
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(Chair) Michelle Avaroma,
(Discussant) Andrew Pelesh,
(Organizer) Leslie Ofori, AmeriCorps VISTA
[Edit Acknowledgments](#)

Acknowledgments
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[Resend Confirmation](#) [Save & Finish Later](#) [Save and Submit](#)

Step Seven - How to Edit Your Submissions

Submissions Tab – Under the submissions tab, you will see all proposals that you have submitted. You can edit or delete any of your submissions from here. You will be able to edit your submissions until Wednesday, April 22nd at 11:59 PST.

Participants Tab – Under the submissions tab, you will see all proposals where you are listed as a participant, even if someone else submitted them. You can edit these submissions if you are the session organizer. You will be able to edit your submissions until Wednesday, April 22nd at 11:59 PST.

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Edit or Track Submitted Proposals

A list of all of the proposals that you have submitted appears below. Click on the appropriate link to edit or delete your proposal.

Submissions Participations

Showing 1 through 1 of 1 records.

##	Summary	Status	Action
1	Poster Submission Test, *April Davis Individual Submission type: Poster	Received - Awaiting Review Assignment	edit delete

Thank you for submitting your abstract for the 2026 APPAM Fall Research Conference! You may review or revise your submission until Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 11:59 PST. After that date, all submissions will be closed, and edits may not be made.

To make edits to your submission, please log in into your account. All submitters will receive an accept or reject notification in late-July 2026.