

Call for Proposals

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The Programme Committee invites submissions for participation in the 2016 Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference.

We welcome proposals from all areas of political science and wish to build a final programme that reflects the full range of substantive, theoretical and methodological approaches in the discipline.

We encourage researchers to consider different ways of getting involved at the conference:

- **Single papers**, which will be assigned by section heads to panels with other papers on related issues;
- **Multiple paper panels**, which are pre-organized and include papers on a single theme;
- **Multiple panel workshops**, which include at least two organized panels that coordinate on a single theme;
- **Roundtables:**
 - **Traditional**, usually with 4 participants who each present their ideas on a single theme;
 - **Micro-paper format**, which can include up to 10 participants who each present their ideas on a single theme for a short amount of time;
- **Posters**, which are an excellent way to disseminate work that relies heavily on tables/graphs/figures, non-dissertation and dissertation work by graduate students, and work that has only preliminary results. Posters will be assigned to topical sessions where the presenters will have an opportunity to discuss their work with interested conference attendees. Each poster will also be assigned a discussant to guarantee feedback;
- **Graduate Student Three Minute Thesis competition**, a competition in which participants present their graduate research in 3 minutes or less to a panel of non-specialist judges. Students who participate in the Three Minute Thesis competition should have made substantial progress on their graduate research and analysis;
- **Discussing or chairing a panel.** Individuals wishing to serve in the role of discussant or chair should contact the relevant section head. A list of section heads can be found [here](#).

All proposals should be submitted to a specific section, and this year there is also the opportunity to indicate a secondary section that you would like to consider your proposal. Graduate Student Three Minute Thesis proposals should be directed toward the Teaching and Research Skills Development section. The list of sections and section heads can be found [here](#).

The Programme Committee welcomes submissions and presentations in both official languages.

All proposals are due by 15 October 2015.

Instructions for Submitting a Proposal:

TO ENSURE A POSITIVE CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE, PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE SECTION BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL.

Please note that, at 15 October 2015, if you have not filled in all the required information, your proposal will be marked as incomplete and section heads may not process your submission.

Who can Submit: We welcome submissions from faculty members, non-academics and graduate students. Normally student members proposing papers will have had their PhD thesis proposals approved before submission (in other words, be ABD). Those at earlier stages of their studies who wish to present their own work are encouraged to submit a poster proposal or Graduate Student Three Minute Thesis proposal. Submissions from Masters level students will not be considered unless they are made in conjunction with an academic supervisor. All student proposals require sponsorship by a faculty member (to be indicated on the proposal form).

Number of Submissions: Individuals will be limited to 3 presentations, of which two can be papers. This does not affect chairs and discussants. More than three submissions can be made but the Programme Committee will choose between them in order to follow this rule.

Types of Submissions:

Single Paper: A single paper proposal must include the title of the paper and a 250-word abstract. The abstract should outline the argument or inquiry to be developed, identify the method of analysis to be used (if applicable), and show the theoretical significance of what is proposed in relation to existing scholarship in the field. Once the proposal has been submitted, the submitter will be able to access the proposal until 15 October 2015. To make any necessary changes the submitter must select 'Review/Edit my Proposals' from the 'Submissions menu'. If the paper proposal is accepted, the submitted abstract will be made available in the programme.

Multiple Paper Panel: The panel proposal must include the title of the panel, a 250 word abstract providing an overview of the panel, the name, e-mail, affiliation, rank, paper title and 250 word abstract for each presenter and the name, e-mail, affiliation and rank for the chair and discussant(s). The abstract for each paper should outline the argument or inquiry to be developed, identify the method of analysis to be used (if applicable), and show the theoretical significance of what is proposed in relation to existing scholarship in the field. Once the panel proposal has been submitted, the submitter will be able to access the proposal until 15 October 2015. To make any necessary changes the submitter must select 'Review/Edit my Proposals' from the 'Submissions menu'. If the proposal is accepted, the submitted abstracts will be made available in the programme.

Multiple Panel Workshop: The workshop proposal must include the title of the workshop, a 250 word abstract providing an overview of the workshop and then details for each panel on the workshop. The workshop must include at least two pre-organized panels. For each panel, the submitter must include the title of the panel, a 250 word abstract for the panel, the name, e-mail, affiliation, rank, paper title and 250 word

abstract for each presenter and the name, e-mail, affiliation and rank for the chair and discussant(s). The abstract for each paper should outline the argument or inquiry to be developed, identify the method of analysis to be used (if applicable), and show the theoretical significance of what is proposed in relation to existing scholarship in the field. Once the workshop panel proposal has been submitted, the submitter will be able to access the proposal until 15 October 2015. To make any necessary changes, the submitter must select 'Review/Edit my Proposals' from the 'Submissions menu'. If the proposal is accepted, the submitted abstracts will be made available in the programme.

Roundtable Proposal: A roundtable proposal must include the roundtable title, a 250 word abstract providing an overview of the roundtable, and the name, e-mail, affiliation and rank for each presenter and the chair. The abstract should include a description of the argument or inquiry to be developed and the theoretical significance of the proposed topic in relation to existing scholarship in the field. Once the proposal has been submitted, the submitter will be able to access the proposal until 15 October 2015. To make any necessary changes, the submitter must select 'Review/Edit my Proposals' from the 'Submissions menu'. If the roundtable proposal is accepted, the submitted abstract will be made available in the programme.

In order to allow sufficient time for each presentation and a good discussion during the session, it is recommended that a maximum of 4 presenters participate on a roundtable.

Micro-paper Roundtable Proposal: Micro-paper roundtable proposals can include up to 10 participants and a chair. Each of the participants in this type of roundtable will be permitted a maximum of 5 minutes to present, leaving sufficient time for good discussion during the session. Please follow the submission instructions for a **Roundtable Proposal** above.

Poster Proposal: A poster proposal must include the poster title and a 250 word abstract. The abstract should outline the argument or inquiry to be developed, identify the method of analysis to be used (if applicable), and show the theoretical significance of what is proposed in relation to existing scholarship in the field. Once your proposal has been submitted, you will be able to access your proposal until 15 October 2015. To make any necessary changes, the submitter must select 'Review/Edit my Proposals' from the 'Submissions menu'. If the proposal is accepted, the submitted abstract will be made available in the programme.

For more information about presenting a poster, please click [here](#).

Graduate Student Three Minute Thesis Proposal: A Graduate Student Three Minute Thesis proposal must include a title and a 250 word abstract. The abstract should outline the main argument, method of inquiry, method of analysis (if applicable) and theoretical significance of the MA thesis, MRP, or doctoral thesis that will form the content of the presentation. Once the proposal has been submitted, the submitter will be able to access the proposal until 15 October 2015. To make any necessary changes, the submitter must select 'Review/Edit my Proposals' from the 'Submissions menu'. If the proposal is accepted, the submitted abstract will be made available in the programme. ***The proposals must be submitted through the Teaching and Research Skills Development Section of the CPSA Programme.***

For more information about the **Graduate Student Three Minute Thesis competition**, please click [here](#).