



## **Call for Graduate Student Conference Proposals for FY24 Round 1 Funding**

The Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy is pleased to issue a request for graduate student-initiated conference proposals for fall 2023.

Proposals will be evaluated on their intellectual merit and coherence, and their judicious use of funding. These conferences must take place at Columbia University. Conferences can focus on a single substantive or methodological topic or problem, on an event or policy, or on a set of intellectually related issues, and should highlight graduate student work. Proposals should also highlight the extent and type of faculty involvement. We encourage active involvement by faculty both as mentors and as participants in the conference program. Conferences that are collaborative and involve students or faculty from more than one Columbia Social Science department will be given special consideration. Funding requests can supplement departmental funding.

### **Application Guidance:**

Graduate students within one of the six social science departments in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Columbia University and SIPA are eligible to apply for ISERP conference funding. At least one applicant per conference team must be a full-time Ph.D. candidate.

If awarded, the conference must be managed by the lead graduate student organizer's home department, or another Columbia University entity noted in the proposal. Awardees are required to identify ISERP's sponsorship on all conference announcements and materials. A conference report, including the agenda, participant list, Chartstring summary, and relevant outcomes would be due in December 2023. ISERP is available to advise awardees in the planning stages

### **Applicants should submit:**

- A 2-page proposal that describes the proposed conference, its goals, and scholarly relevance, and its structure and organization.
- Include a proposed list of speakers and panels.
- Specify the conference's intended audience, its size, and whether the conference is open to the university community and to the public. ISERP sponsored conferences should generally be open at least to the university community.
- A detailed budget and budget justification, and should include all sources of funding.
- A conference administration commitment: Include an email from your department chair, with the Department DAAF copied, stating the department's commitment to administer the conference if awarded. If the conference will be administered by a different department (or center, institute, etc.), the email commitment should come from that department's chair/director.
- Proposals should be submitted electronically as a single PDF document to ISERP [here](#).

**Duration:** Five (5) Months

**Award Amount:** Up to \$15k. Funding can cover travel and lodging; refreshments or meals; venue, materials, and publicity costs; a small stipend for graduate student/s administering the conference; and honoraria.

**Application Deadline:** April 26, 2023

**Start Date:** July 1, 2023-December 31, 2023

Please contact [ISERP](#) with any questions on this process.