

**Emerging Methodologists Workshop: Qualitative and Multi-Method Explanatory Research  
Call for Proposals for August 2023 Workshop  
Application Due Date: **March 6, 2023****

**Background and Motivation**

The community of scholars who engage in qualitative and multi-method explanatory research is large and diverse. By contrast, the group of scholars who develop, write on, and teach these research methods – i.e., who *guide* the endeavors of researchers who carry out such empirical work – is far smaller and more homogeneous. This is the case despite thousands of scholars attending the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) over the last 20 years, the sizable membership of the Qualitative and Multi-Method Research section of the American Political Science Association (APSA), and robust attendance at the section's short courses at the APSA Annual Meeting. One cause of this disparity is that junior scholars, particularly those from under-represented groups, are not encouraged and actively mentored to become qualitative methodologists.

This initiative seeks to address that gap. With generous support from the National Science Foundation, we will organize an annual “Emerging Methodologists Workshop for Qualitative and Multi-Method Explanatory Research” (EMW-QMER) to encourage advanced political science graduate students, post-docs, and junior faculty who are from under-represented groups, and who are based at U.S. institutions, to develop, publish on, and teach qualitative and multi-method research.

Each year, six scholars will be selected to present at the workshop, and receive feedback on a paper they have written and circulated in advance. We will offer presenters intensive support: senior faculty mentors will attend the workshop and work with presenters in advance and afterwards, assisting them to develop their work and move it toward peer-reviewed publication. In addition, we will introduce presenters into existing networks, actively foster new networks, and work to build an inclusive community.

The first workshop will take place at the annual APSA meeting in Los Angeles, CA on August 30, 2023; workshops are also planned for APSA 2024 and 2025. Workshops will run as invitation-only pre-conference short courses sponsored by the Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (QMMR) section.

**Eligibility Requirements and Application Process**

**Eligibility requirements**

- Be ABD in a political science doctoral program *or* have received a doctoral degree in political science in 2016 or later
- Be based at a U.S. institution

Application – please email the following as one continuous PDF to emw.qmer@gmail.com by **March 6, 2023**. Please title the file “LASTNAME.pdf”

- Cover letter
  - Name, department, position (e.g., xth year graduate student, postdoc, assistant professor)
  - Substantive and methodological research interests
  - Name and contact information of two faculty members or colleagues who could serve as references
- Abstract for the paper you propose to present at the workshop (150 words)
- Essay #1 (300 words): discuss your broad interests in, and use of, qualitative methods and multi-method research and how you became interested in those methods
- Essay #2 (300 words): describe how your participation and research will contribute to diversity of the workshop and the broader QMMR community
- CV

## **Selection and Support**

The EMW-QMER steering committee will review all applications received and select six scholars whose research covers a range of methodological areas in explanatory research in the qualitative and multi-method tradition, prioritizing the intellectual promise of proposals and the contributions that applicants and their proposed papers can make to the diversity of the QMMR community. All applicants will be notified of the status of their application by the end of March, 2023.

Each workshop presenter will be assigned a “research mentor” – a senior scholar in the QMMR community with expertise in the area of their proposed paper. Presenters will work with that mentor as they develop their papers, circulating well-developed versions in advance of the workshop. Each year, the workshop will cover round-trip airfare, two nights at a conference hotel, meals and refreshments during the workshop, and the \$25 workshop fee for each paper presenter.

Participants will be encouraged to continue to revise their papers after the workshop, with the continued support of their mentors and the broader EMW community, and to submit them to a peer-reviewed journal. Those selected to present at the EMW-QMER in 2023 will also be invited to attend and present at the annual virtual EMW-QMER mini-conference to be held starting in Winter 2024, and to attend (at their own expense) the EMW-QMER workshop at APSA in future years.

This initiative will foster a diverse and vibrant community of emerging methodologists in the qualitative and multi-method tradition, with connections within and across EMW-QMER cohorts. Our hope is that participants continue to publish and teach in these areas, and that they seek and find a home in the QMMR community as their careers advance.