

PSA Call for Papers!

Introduction

Dear UCR staff, professors, faculty, students, and community members,

UCR's Political Science honor society, Pi Sigma Alpha, is putting out this Call for Papers to all instructors in the College of the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences at UCR. We are organizing this year's *emerging scholars symposium* and want to maximize opportunities available for students. With the success of [last year's symposium](#), we would like to open up nominations to **all CHASS students, both Graduate and Undergraduate and self-nominations!** Thus, we are counting on *you* to help generate this year's list of Emerging Scholars who will be invited to present at our symposium on **May 14, 2024**. We aim to recognize students' high scholastic achievement while advancing the field of political science, regardless of the student's major or the department the nomination comes from. Please see the details below, and we look forward to reading your papers!

You can submit your nominations [here!](#)

What to Expect

Timeline

- Each nomination will be considered for the symposium following the academic term that they were nominated in; thus, nominations for the Summer term of the Academic Year (AY) 2023-24 (23SUM) will be considered for the 2024 Symposium, while nominations for the AY2024-25 (24SUM) will be for the 2025 Symposium.
- **2024 Symposium Nomination Deadlines**
 - **23SUM:** March 31, 2024
 - **23FAL:** March 31, 2024
 - **24WIN:** March 31, 2024
- 2025 Symposium Nomination Deadlines
 - **24SPR:** June 21, 2024
 - **24SUM:** TBD

Primary Instructors:

- Be *invited* to serve as the discussant for the paper they nominated at the Emerging Scholars Spring Symposium

Nominated Students:

- Have their paper reviewed by two independent reviewers from our Alumni board.
- Be *invited* to participate in our Spring workshops to help them refine their paper and develop basic presentation skills. If appropriate, we will also encourage them to submit their paper for publication to the [Undergraduate Journal of Politics](#) or [UCR's The Journal](#).
- Be *invited* to present at our Emerging Scholars Spring Symposium

Nomination Details (for Graduates and Undergraduates)

- Instructors can nominate or approve the self-nomination of one paper for each course they are the primary instructor for
- Qualified papers can be from any writing assignment that meets all other criteria
- Paper authors must be UCR students enrolled in the course
- Papers must present original ideas, draw on scholarly literature, and contribute to one of the Political Science Department's subfields (listed below)
 - American Politics
 - Comparative Politics
 - International Relations
 - Political Theory
 - Political Mass Behavior
- Nominations are tied to the term for which they were written.

Other Considerations

We always encourage proposals from underrepresented scholars. This includes, but is not limited to, race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, and social class.

We also appreciate a variety of methodological approaches, as we believe in the value of inter/transdisciplinary research.

You can submit your nominations [here](#)!

Please reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns.

We look forward to your submissions.

Best Regards,
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