



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO HOST THE 2027 NASPAA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

### OVERVIEW

NASPAA seeks proposals from its member institutions to host the 2027 NASPAA Regional Conference. This conference is a vital component of NASPAA's strategic goal to connect public service education members globally.

Based on our commitment to regional rotation, preference will be given to proposals from regions where NASPAA has not recently held a regional conference. However, members from all global regions are encouraged to apply. (Recent host locations include Chile in 2026 and Saudi Arabia in 2025).

### WHY HOST

- **Increase Visibility:** Showcase your institution's leadership regionally and within NASPAA's global network.
- **Highlight Programs & Innovations:** Share your projects, unique institutional features, and academic innovations with global peers.
- **Serve as a Best-Practices Hub:** Engage in a dynamic two-day knowledge exchange directly on your campus.
- **Enhance Local & Campus Learning:** Bring global scholars to interact with your students, faculty, and local community, connecting key stakeholders with public service leaders worldwide.

### CRITERIA & HOSTING PATHS

- **Dates & Duration:** Scheduled for May or June 2027 (exact dates to be determined jointly by NASPAA and the host). The core conference spans 2 full days, excluding optional pre/post-conference cultural events or excursions.
- **Eligibility & Language:** NASPAA Institutional Members in good standing are eligible to apply. The primary language for proposals, planning, and sessions is English. However, bilingual/multilingual session options, materials, and proceedings are highly welcomed.
- **Hosting Paths:** Applicants must indicate which hosting model they wish to pursue:
  - A. Path A: Fully Hosted Small Conference (50–100 attendees)
    - **Financial Structure:** The host institution covers or secures external sponsorships to cover overall conference expenses. Attendee registration fees are kept minimal.
    - **Host Responsibilities:** Venue, food & beverage, welcome/ceremonial events, local staffing, and partial travel/registration scholarships for scholars from less-resourced institutions.



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### B. Path B: Traditional Co-Sponsored Conference (100–200 attendees)

- **Financial Structure:** Costs are shared through a combination of host support, attendee registration fees, and institutional/external sponsorships.
- **Host Responsibilities:** Local staffing and logistics, venue arrangements, welcome/social receptions or meals, assisting NASPAA with securing local sponsorships, and providing partial scholarship support for participants from less-resourced institutions.

### PARTNER SUPPORT & COLLABORATION

- **NASPAA Support:** NASPAA will provide global marketing, registration management, program structure advice, outreach, and pre/post event staff support.
- **Joint Governance:** The selected host institution and NASPAA will co-establish the conference planning committee and curate the session program. The host will recruit keynote and local speakers.

### SITE SELECTION CRITERIA

NASPAA will evaluate proposals based on:

1. **Location & Accessibility:** Flight connectivity, airport access, local public transit, local attractions, and visa ease/predictability for international travelers.
2. **Affordability:** Total cost burden for attendees (lodging, travel, and registration fees).
3. **Facility & Technical Capacity:** Venue layout, plenary space, breakout room capacity, AV equipment, and reliable Wi-Fi.
4. **Host Capacity:** Institutional experience, dedicated staffing, and logistical support for hosting international events.

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Proposals must be submitted via the [Online Submission Form](#) no later than **November 13, 2026**, at 11:59 PM EST.

Applicants must upload a 2–3 page proposal document written in English addressing the following:

1. **Host Institution Overview:** Summary of the applying member school and key academic focus areas.



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2. **Conference Theme:** Suggested theme(s) and its relevance to regional/global public administration contexts.
3. **Location & Travel Accessibility:** Airport access, international flight frequency, local transit, and visa considerations for global delegates.
4. **Venue, Lodging & Tech Infrastructure:** Proposed meeting spaces (plenary and breakout capabilities), nearby hotel options across price points, and AV/Wi-Fi infrastructure.
5. **Planning & Logistical Capacity:** Overview of host staffing, event management experience, and local organizational support.
6. **Financial Breakdown & Scholarships:** Estimated budget overview, host financial/in-kind contributions, potential sponsorship leads, and a plan for providing scholarships to delegates from less-resourced institutions.

### SELECTION TIMELINE

- Proposals Due: November 13, 2026
- Committee Review: Late November 2026
- Decision Notification: December 2026

Questions? Contact the NASPAA Events Team at [events@naspaa.org](mailto:events@naspaa.org).