



CALL FOR PROPOSAL TO HOST THE 2026 NASPAA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

OVERVIEW

NASPAA is the global standard in public service education, with over [300 institutional members](#) across 25 countries. Members award degrees in public policy, public affairs, public administration, nonprofit management, and related fields. NASPAA is the recognized global accreditor of master's programs in these areas.

In 2023, the Ad Hoc Committee on NASPAA's Global Position recommended tying global expansion to NASPAA's [strategic goals](#) – bringing a global perspective to members and providing capacity-building opportunities to institutions preparing future public service professionals. In alignment with this goal, **NASPAA seeks proposals from its members to host the 2026 Regional Conference. Based on recent locations and a preference for regional rotation, NASPAA seeks proposals from members in Latin America and the Caribbean.**

WHY HOST

- **Increased awareness:** Showcase your school's leadership regionally and within NASPAA's global network. Leaders and stakeholders important to your institution will connect with public service education leaders from around the world.
- **Highlight programs and innovations:** Share your projects, distinguishing features, and innovations with colleagues in the field.
- **Serve as a best-practices hub:** Engage with peers during two days of exchange on your campus.

CRITERION TO APPLY

1. The 2026 Regional Conference is scheduled to take place between late **March and May**, with exact dates to be determined jointly by NASPAA and the host. The event will be for **two days**, not including optional cultural events or excursions.
2. [NASPAA Institutional Members](#) in good standing are eligible to host NASPAA events. The language of proposals, planning, and conference sessions is English. However, bilingual and multilingual materials, as well as conference proceedings, are also welcome.
3. Hosts cover all conference costs. If direct funding is not possible, hosts should secure sponsors or external support. Expenses include venue, food and beverages, local staffing, and support for up to 15-20 scholars from less-resourced institutions.

Note: NASPAA will provide marketing, registration, program planning, outreach, and on-site staff support.



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NASPAA will consider the following when selecting a host site:

- Location appeal (flight accessibility, cost, frequency, and international connections; local attractions)
- Venue capacity for plenary and concurrent sessions
- Host institution's planning and implementation capacity

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

[NASPAA Institutional Members](#) in good standing are invited to submit proposals to **host** the 2026 Regional Conference no later **than November 14, 2025**. Proposals should be submitted using [this submission form](#). Proposals should be written in English and include a 2–3-page document that addresses the Proposal Guidelines below.

The NASPAA site selection committee will review proposals and make a recommendation to the NASPAA Executive Council, which will make the final decision. Applicants can expect notification by December 2025.

**** A preview of the form can be found [here](#) ****

Proposal Guidelines:

- An overview of the applying member school.
- Location highlights, including access for international travelers as well as any visa requirements that could impact planning for a global, multinational event.
- Describe how your institution and proposed programming align with the NASPAA mission and the [2025-2026 presidential strategic priorities](#).
- Venue and Lodging Details: Include information about the proposed venue, its capacity for plenary and workshop-style sessions, and lodging options for participants.
- Support for Participants: Outline how your institution will cover the costs for up to 15-20 participants from less-resourced institutions.
- Planning Capacity: Demonstrate your institution's ability to plan and implement the event, including staffing and logistical support.
- Conference Planning Committee: The selected host institution and the NASPAA President will collaborate to determine the planning committee.

Questions:

Email events@naspaa.org