



Call For Proposals: Student Conferences on Aesthetics

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: The American Society for Aesthetics is interested in supporting events in North America which introduce promising undergraduate and graduate students to aesthetics. We welcome proposals from ASA members, sponsored by their home department or a regional consortium, to conduct such events, beginning in 2017.

A typical event would occur on a Saturday or Friday-Saturday. It would be free of registration charges to students and supervising faculty. It would be promoted among philosophy and related departments in the geographical region of the event. If an event is successful, it could be eligible for continued annual or bi-annual support from ASA. In setting dates, applicants should consult with the secretary-treasurer of ASA to avoid conflicts with other ASA events.

Proposals can be submitted at any time, but it is strongly suggested that they be submitted at least six months before the planned event to allow for adequate publicity and planning. Proposals should be designated as the conference of a particular city or region, not an individual campus. E.g., the Chicago-area Student Conference on Aesthetics or the New England Student Conference on Aesthetics. The ASA expects to support no more than four such conferences in a calendar year.

Proposals should show how the event will accomplish the following:

- Introduce students in philosophy and related fields to aesthetics, e.g., with presentations by professionals through engaging talks or panel discussions
- Provide a showcase for a few papers by students, with commentary, to demonstrate work in the discipline
- Recruit students from the region to attend
- Introduce students to information about graduate and undergraduate programs offering aesthetics courses and research
- Publicize the events broadly through the region, e.g., with a web site, digitized publicity poster
- Evaluate the success of the event

Budgets up to \$3500 for the event are eligible and could include:

- Travel and honorarium for a keynote speaker from the profession
- Travel and honoraria for panel presentations by professionals in the field
- Travel support for student papers selected in formal review
- Travel support for students to attend, e.g., mileage for students and faculty to drive to the event
- Meeting room rental
- AV costs for events
- Catering, e.g., continental breakfast, coffee break, buffet luncheon, reception
- Design costs for publicity poster that can be digitized for electronic distribution

Cost-sharing from the host institution is encouraged and might include, e.g.:

- Student assistance at the event
- Web design and publicity
- Reduced cost for rental of meeting room and AV

Inquiries and draft proposals should be submitted at any time to: secretary-treasurer@aesthetics-online.org

The ASA Board of Trustees anticipates funding up to four student conferences per calendar year, commencing in 2017.

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