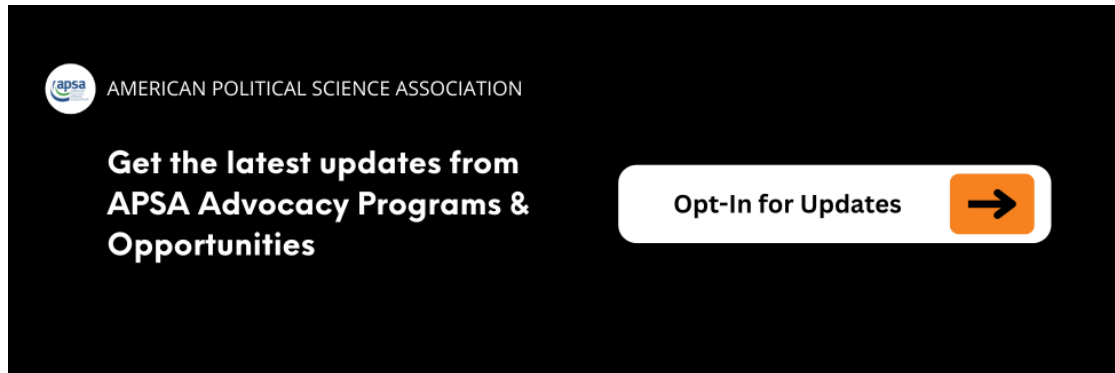




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## Advocating for Political Science: Updates & Opportunities

APSA members are invited to attend advocacy opportunities for the social sciences and the humanities in Washington, DC.

Advocacy Days are opportunities for APSA members to learn how to effectively advocate for political science at home and in the nation's capital and to educate congressional representatives and staff about the need for robust federal funding for political science research and education.

▸ [Advocacy Day Round-Up](#)

### Social Science Advocacy Day

In March 2026, APSA supported advocacy events in Washington, DC on behalf of federal funding for research and higher education programs. On March 23-24, APSA sponsored the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) Social Science Advocacy Day to advocate for social and behavioral science funding at agencies such as the National Science Foundation, Institute for Education Sciences, and the federal statistical system.



APSA provided staff support and sponsored attendance for APSA members to participate in advocacy trainings and meetings with the offices of Members of Congress. More information about Social Science Advocacy Day is available on [COSSA's website](#).

### Humanities Advocacy Day

On March 9-10, APSA sponsored and provided staff support for the National Humanities Alliance (NHA) Humanities Advocacy Day, an event to advocate for humanities and cultural programs in the federal government including the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Archives, and international education and foreign language programs. Attendees were engaged in plenary discussions focused on the current policy landscape of humanities and cultural programs and participated in meetings with offices on Capitol Hill to advocate for funding for those programs. More information about Humanities Advocacy Day is available on the [NHA website](#).

### Virtual Advocacy

On March 4, APSA provided staff and technical support for a virtual advocacy briefing on behalf of the Coalition for International Education (CIE). The briefing provided an overview of the current state of International Education and Foreign Language Studies programs at the Department of Education, specifically the Title VI and Fulbright-Hays programs.

APSA members are invited to participate in advocacy events on Capitol Hill and can reach out to [advocacy@apsanet.org](mailto:advocacy@apsanet.org) for more information. Check out the COSSA's tips for how to perform advocacy from home: "[At-Home Advocacy Guide](#)"

- Action Alert

### Ask Congress to Prioritize Research and Statistics Funding



APSA members are encouraged to write to their Members of Congress to support funding in FY 2027 appropriations. Without widespread advocacy, federal science and statistical agencies such as the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, Institute of Education Sciences, National Institute of Justice Statistics Bureau, Census Bureau, International Education and Foreign Language Programs, and the federal statistical system may face further budget cuts, grant delays, and mass layoffs. Advocacy messages can be sent quickly to Members of Congress through this [Action Alert led by COSSA](#).

Interested in receiving more advocacy updates? Sign up for the COSSA Washington Update for timely updates on policy and funding impacting social and behavioral science, invitations to members-only events, and action alerts to effect change on Capitol Hill. Sign up at the link below.

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### Contact APSA for Advocacy Assistance

Are you being impacted by new policies in your state, locality or institution?  
Contact APSA to share your experience and learn more about possible

options to be an advocate for yourself and for the discipline of political science. Reach out to [advocacy@apsanet.org](mailto:advocacy@apsanet.org) for inquiries or questions about advocacy.



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