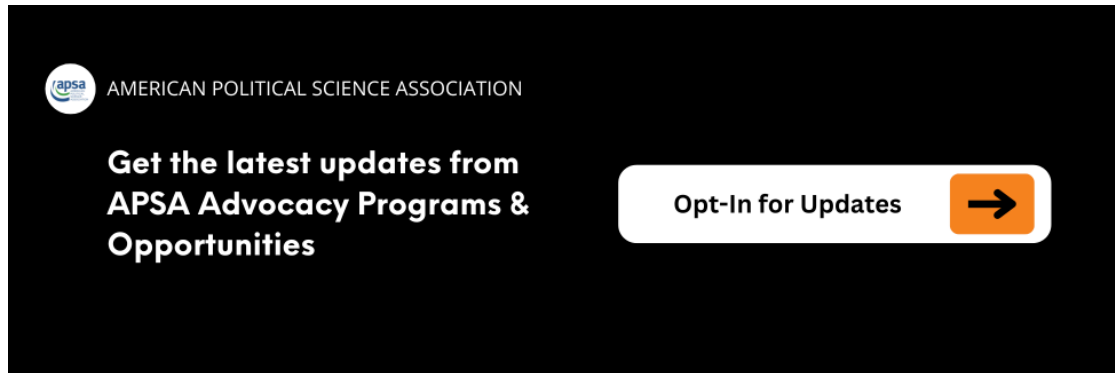


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Advocating for Political Science: Updates & Opportunities

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.

▸ Upcoming Events

Social Science Advocacy Day: March 23-24, 2026



Join the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) in Washington, DC on March 23-24, 2026 for Social Science Advocacy Day. This event brings together social and behavioral scientists and science advocates from across the country to engage with policymakers.

You will be teamed up with advocates and participate in a day of in-person meetings with House and Senate offices on Capitol Hill. Through these meetings, you will share reasons why federal government support for social and behavioral science research is so critical.

Advocates will be given all the resources they need to have successful meetings, including a preparatory seminar, and all your meetings will be scheduled for you. The only thing you need to do is come to Washington prepared to talk about why you are passionate about social and behavioral science. [Visit COSSA's website](#)

[Resource: Apply for an Advocacy Travel Grant](#)

Humanities Advocacy Day: March 9-10, 2026

Join the National Humanities Alliance (NHA) in Arlington, Virginia, held on March 9-10, 2026 for NHA's Annual Meeting & Humanities Advocacy Day. This event will provide an opportunity to connect with other passionate humanities advocates from around the country.

During NHA's Annual Meeting on March 9, plenary sessions will be held to explore approaches to year-round advocacy on college campuses and in local communities, while also preparing for visits to Capitol Hill. On Humanities Advocacy Day on March 10, advocates will meet with House and Senate offices to make a persuasive case for federal funding for the humanities. [\[Read more...\]](#)

▸ Upcoming Deadlines

Advocacy Travel Grants Available: Deadline: February 13, 2026

APSA is pleased to provide travel grants to members to support attendance at the 2026 advocacy days. A grant can be used to supplement the cost of registration, travel, and lodging for advocacy events up to \$500.



To be eligible for an advocacy grant, you must currently maintain an APSA membership. Members at all career stages and locations, including members local to the DC-Maryland-Virginia area, are encouraged and eligible to apply. Members do not need previous advocacy experience to participate in advocacy events. **Applications for travel grants will be accepted through February 13, 2026.**

[Submit this form to apply.](#)

Center for Defense of Academic Freedom Fellowship Available: Deadline: February 27, 2026

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) is accepting applications for fellows at AAUP's Center for the Defense of Academic Freedom. Fellows have the opportunity to create resources to help academic workers defend against attacks on academic freedom. The deadline for application submission is February 27, 2026. Details on the application process are available on the [AAUP website](#).

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