

SAH Proposal Writing Workshop: Key Strategies for a Successful Proposal

Workshop Outline and Guidance

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KEY STRATEGIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL PROPOSAL

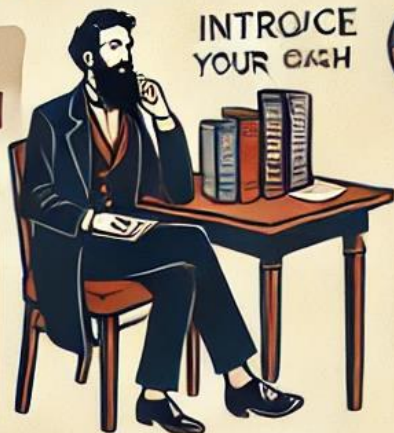


ENSURE THE BROAD AND INCLUSIVE

IMPRODUCE INCLUSIVE IMPORTATION



TOPIC SELECTION AND SCOPE



INTRODUCE YOUR OWN



ENTRUST YOUR APPLICATION TO MEN OF SCIENCE



INNOVATIVE INNOVATIONS PRODUCE NEW QUESTIONS



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INNOVATIONS FROM SPECIALISTS CONTRIBUTE



MAKE PROPOSALS FROM ASSOCIATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

TEST THE PROPOSALS FROM SPECIALISTS



Some statistics



- Makeup of the selection committee (i.e., different for each conference, how committee is selected)
- Number of submissions for 2025 conference: 138 (highest since 2019)
- Number of acceptances for 2025 conference: 49 (36% - highest number of panels at least since 2016)

- Albuquerque 2024: 31%
- Montreal 2023: 37%
- Pittsburgh 2022: 26%
- Expected number of panels for 2026 in Mexico City: 180




Topic Selection and Scope

- ❑ Ensure the topic is broad and inclusive
- ❑ Introduce diverse perspectives
- ❑ Emphasize content before 1900
- ❑ Encourage proposals from new chairs



Contextualizing the Proposal

- ❑ Position your approach within historiography
 - ❑ Emphasize application over methodology
 - ❑ Highlight innovative contributions
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Clarity and Accessibility of Language

- ❓ Avoid abstract or complex language
- ❓ Use straightforward, jargon-free language
- ❓ Follow a clear structure: Introduction, Importance, Main Question(s)
- ❓ Test the proposal's clarity with non-specialists



Innovating and Differentiating Your Proposal

- ❑ Highlight innovation and originality
- ❑ Don't follow trends—create them
- ❑ Align with SAH's mission and focus on global
- ❑ Highlight underrepresented areas
- ❑ Do your homework! See what has been done on this topic!



Framing the Proposal Beyond Local Contexts

- ❑ Frame in a larger global context
- ❑ Emphasize questions, not just subjects
- ❑ Highlight underrepresented areas
- ❑ Propose thematic approaches



Captivating and Merit-Based Proposals

- ❑ Make your proposal captivating
- ❑ Frame a thematic to inspire new dialogues
- ❑ Include clear questions for scope and range
- ❑ Remember, selection is based on merit



Conclusion

- ❑ Key Strategies Recap
- ❑ Clear, Innovative, and Inclusive Proposals Lead to Success
- ❑ Align with SAH's Mission and Broader Themes

Questions?