

2024–25 CIS Conference Grants: Call for Proposals

DEADLINE: January 31, 2024, for priority review; rolling deadline for remaining funds until May 1, 2024

CIS will fund a limited number of grants up to a maximum of \$15,000 each for conferences related to international studies and/or comparative politics that will take place in 2024–25. A proposal should include:

- Scholarly objectives (150–200 words)
- A list of possible participants and potential conference dates
- Location of conference (CIS limits funding to \$5,000 for conferences not held at USC)
- A detailed budget outlining travel, lodging, and honorarium needs for participants; CIS will adjust a final award amount based on these key budget items.
- Level of logistical support you are seeking from CIS staff (coordination of travel, lodging, venue, food, staffing of event, etc.); alternatively, indicate if you are obtaining logistical support from another academic unit or co-sponsor
- Demonstrated plan for integrating POIR faculty and PhD students into the conference program

Proposals should be submitted to CIS at cis@dornsife.usc.edu.

Guidelines for new proposals:

- Funds must be used in academic year 2024–25 and are not eligible to roll over.
- Funds must be used for the purposes stated in the proposal and cannot be reallocated to other projects or purposes.
- All awardees must explicitly credit CIS with co-sponsorship.
- All awardees must file a one-page report at the end of the project to summarize both the project and the ways in which the grant supported the project.

Eligibility:

- POIR T/TT faculty; research emphasis on international affairs or comparative politics.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for external funding or obtain co-sponsorship from other USC units. If no external application of funds or description accompanies the CIS application, please include justification.
- Active commitment to the CIS community, such as frequent participation in CIS events and hosting events or scholars.
- Scholars from USC units outside the Political Science and International Relations Department must designate a POIR faculty member (T/TT) as a co-convener and demonstrate an integration of POIR faculty and PhD students in the proposal.

Proposals should be brief in length (1–2 pages), with an itemized budget statement appended.

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