



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Sponsorship of the [Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics](#)

**Start Date: July 1, 2026**

In August 2004, the Executive Council of Pi Sigma Alpha approved the creation of a national undergraduate journal of political science. The journal is operated and edited by a student team of Pi Sigma Alpha members under the direction of a Pi Sigma Alpha chapter advisor (or co-advisors), who serves as the faculty editor.

The faculty editor serves as a member of, and reports to, the Pi Sigma Alpha Executive Council. The journal is published online twice annually. The sponsoring institution and editor serve a three-year term. The editors are assisted by an Advisory Board composed of political science faculty and at least three members of the Executive Council (appointed by the President). The student Editorial Board reviews all manuscripts and forwards the strongest submissions to the Advisory Board, which makes publication recommendations. Faculty on the Advisory Board regularly review manuscripts.

The sponsoring chapter must make a three-year commitment. The proposal must demonstrate, at a minimum, evidence of the following support:

1. A consistently strong Pi Sigma Alpha chapter that can be expected to produce the undergraduate student support sufficient to staff the journal's editorial and production functions every year;
2. A committed faculty advisor (or co-advisors) with a scholarly record sufficient to oversee a journal;
3. A clear commitment by the Department, College, or University to provide financial, logistical, and staffing support. This includes, at a minimum: Release time or stipend to the faculty advisor; Academic credit or equivalent recognition for student participation; Office space to house the journal; and Computer equipment and software support (as needed) to publish an online journal.

Pi Sigma Alpha, as an incorporated entity, owns the journal and any related copyrights. Its sponsorship will appear prominently on the publication. The Editorial Team and the Pi Sigma Alpha national office will promote the journal on the Pi Sigma Alpha website, via social media, and through email communications with members and advisors.

Pi Sigma Alpha provides financial support for the journal, which includes a stipend of \$2,500 per issue for the faculty advisor, travel funds for the advisor to attend the Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research Conference and any in-person Council meetings, and a subsidy of no more than \$3,000 per issue covering the full cost of the journal's management and publication. For a detailed description of the journal's operation and pedagogical value, read ["Learning through Publishing The Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics."](#) and ["Learning through Peer Reviewing and Publishing in the Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics: Twenty Years Later"](#) in *PS: Political Science and Politics*.

The current faculty editor is Professor Baris Kesgin of Elon University, serving through June 30, 2026. Pi Sigma Alpha now invites campus chapters to submit proposals to host the journal beginning July 1, 2026. Questions about the journal can be emailed to Professor Kesgin at [bkesgin@elon.edu](mailto:bkesgin@elon.edu).

**Deadline for Proposals: October 17, 2025**

Proposals should be emailed to the Pi Sigma Alpha National Office at [office@pisigmaalpha.org](mailto:office@pisigmaalpha.org)