

Visions in Methodology (VIM) Conference Host Application

Thank you for your interest in hosting VIM 2027! VIM supports women+ who study political methodology, and anyone who would benefit from or seeks to further this goal is welcome. VIM provides opportunities for scholarly advancement, networking, and professional mentoring in research and teaching to support women+ in the political methodology community. VIM has been hosting annual/biennial conferences since 2008. We hope to alternate hosting the annual conference in North America and Europe.

Please answer the following questions so that we can better understand your application and interest in hosting VIM. We have provided information about VIM's traditional structure to help you answer these questions. If you would like to propose any changes to this structure, let us know. You can also visit www.visionsinmethodology.org to look at previous VIM schedules.

Please submit your application to hosting@visionsinmethodology.org. **We will consider applications on a rolling basis until October 15.**

Please indicate in your application whether you can and prefer to host the VIM conference in 2027 or 2028.

VIM Conference Structure Overview

- The conference begins with an evening dinner and features two days of programming (e.g., dinner Wednesday night, conference days Thursday and Friday). It is typically, but not always, held in late May and features one or more distinguished senior speakers.
 - At the first night's dinner, the distinguished senior speaker(s) discuss their personal background(s).
- The next two days are full presentation days; the host determines how many presentations will be held each day, how long they should be, whether there will be posters, and which keynotes they might want.
 - Typically, each day includes one (or more) professionalism sessions. The host determines the number of professionalism sessions.
 - Each day includes lunch, coffee/tea, and dinner for participants.
- Past VIMs have included approximately 45 visiting participants, as well as participants from the hosting institution. The most recent two VIM conferences included 85 participants and ran two simultaneous panel sessions. The host determines the size.
- VIM itself has no funds to support the conference, as the NSF grant was terminated. The host is therefore responsible for all costs listed below.
- While we are working to feature the research of women+ in the presentations, posters, and keynotes, we encourage the host to make the conference an inclusive space where men are welcome to attend, network with women+ attendees, and possibly take on service roles such as discussant or chair duties. We ask that professionalization sessions be reserved for women+ to encourage candid Q&A.

VIM Application Questions

1. Host Information

Please provide the name, rank, and institution of the proposed host(s), and whether the host(s) have participated in VIM and/or PolMeth in the past.

2. Costs

The host institution is expected to provide funds to cover the following costs: travel and hotel for distinguished senior speaker(s); meals for VIM participants; conference room rentals, including equipment used for presentations; all printed material; and, if necessary, transportation from the conference hotel to the conference location (if not within walking distance).

The specific funding level required to host VIM varies by institution. For example, VIM 2015 (Kentucky) required \$11,000 USD, VIM 2016 (UC Davis) required \$14,000 USD, and VIM 2017 (Stony Brook) required \$13,000 USD. The 2024 VIM (WashU) and 2026 VIM (Hertie) hosted double the average number of participants (85 rather than 35-40) and cost roughly \$25,000 USD.

Can you secure sponsorship for VIM 2027 from your institution? Please outline which on-campus organizations may be able to fund VIM.

3. Time

We typically post a call for VIM applications in January, with decisions sent to participants in late February or March. On average, VIM receives more than 100 applications. Please consider your commitments in January/February 2027 (or 2028, if applicable). Will you have enough time to review the applications and select VIM participants?

4. Lodging

Participants are expected to self-fund their travel and accommodations, but it helps if hosts can facilitate lower-priced lodging.

Can you offer discounted or subsidized lodging? Could you supply any additional travel or accommodation grants or support? Will you be able to secure a block of hotel rooms for a participant's three nights of lodging?

5. Travel

How close is the conference location/hotel to the nearest airport?

6. Conference Ideas

Do you have any specific ideas for VIM 2027? For example, will you have a particular theme? Are there professionalism sessions that you are particularly interested in holding? If so, please outline them here.