



ASPA's 8th International Young Scholars Workshop

July 7-12, 2024

Budapest, Hungary

Call for Applications and Draft Programme

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The American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) invites young scholars to submit applications for the 8th International Young Scholars Workshop in Public Administration and Policy Research, to be held in Budapest, Hungary from July 7-12, 2024. ASPA is pleased to partner with Corvinus University of Budapest for this flagship program.

The Young Scholars Workshop aims to provide an academically rigorous platform for the presentation and evaluation of research, as well as social networking for young scholars in public administration, management and policy and related subfields. It offers an international forum that brings together outstanding young scholars and distinguished senior scholars who serve as mentors.

This intensive four-day program was modelled after conferences held at the Ronald Coase Institute, where participants present their work twice, each time receiving feedback from senior scholars on potential areas of improvement. Using feedback from their senior scholar mentors and fellow panellists, the participants improve their papers through an iterative process of oral presentations, culminating in the presentation of final versions during the closing showcase.

Young scholar applicants are encouraged to submit research of their interest on issues of public administration, management and policy and related subfields.

The 8th International Young Scholars Workshop will provide an opportunity for participants to receive professional development and evaluation of their research. Competitive research papers and projects should have a clear theoretical and empirical focus, employing quantitative, qualitative or mixed methods.

Eligibility The program welcomes applications from early-career researchers in the fields of public administration, management and policy and related subfields. Such candidates include PhD students, assistant professors, postdoctoral fellows and other professionals in the early stages of their academic careers. Applicants must submit a full research paper to be eligible to apply and be a current ASPA member (or become one prior to submitting their proposal).

Working Language English is the working language of the workshop.

Procedure and Timeline

Applications should be submitted to youngscholars@aspanet.org and include the following documents:

- a short cover letter outlining the applicant's professional status, and how participating in the program would benefit them.
- an executive summary of the applicant's research
- an up-to-date curriculum vitae Only single-authored papers will be considered. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- **EXTENDED! Applications due: No later than June 6, 2024** (proposals are reviewed and/or accepted on a rolling basis)
- Acceptance notification: June 7, 2024
- Full paper submission: June 30, 2024

Location and Fees The workshop will be held at Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary. Accepted participants will receive:

- registration fee waiver
- university lodging accommodations (double occupancy with a fellow young scholar)
- daily meals for four days Participants are responsible for airfare and visa fees for travel to Hungary (if applicable). They should plan to arrive on July 7, 2024, with official programming starting July 8.

The International Young Scholars Workshop is made possible through the generosity and support of Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary's leading university in economic and social sciences. Maintained by the Maecenas Universitatis Corvini Foundation, Corvinus has 10,000 students, including 2,000 international students. Its international and domestic reputation in public administration is underscored by its European Accreditation of Public Administration-accredited MSc in Public Policy and Management. The program is an founding member of the European Master's in Public Administration network. Further, the university's Department of Public Policy maintains close ties with prominent European and global scholarly organizations.

Main features of the workshop:

1. The workshop format is highly intensive as young scholars have an initial presentation, followed by designated individual and group level discussions with senior scholars, and then a final presentation.
2. Faculty members are assigned to young scholars grouped by sub-fields and concentrations and engage in group discussions and individual consultations related to their research projects.
3. Faculty present their recent work in a relaxed atmosphere, allowing young scholars to get fresh experiences on the process of conducting empirical research—from topic choice to reviewing the literature, from framing and analysing, to presenting.
4. Senior faculty provide instructional lectures adapted for the young scholars.
5. It provides an opportunity for participants to engage in the development of research papers and address some of the urgent issues in public administration and policy.

Draft Schedule

Monday, July 8

9:00 – 9:30

Welcome Orientation

(György Hajnal, CUB Head of Dept of Public Policy, Patria de Lancer Julnes, ASPA President)

9:30 – 10:15

Learning about Corvinus and the State of Public Administration in Hungary (TBD)

10:15 – 10:45

Young Scholar Introductions and Ice Breakers

(Organizing Committee)

10:45 – 11:15

Group Photo and Break

11:15 – 12:15

The Challenges of Building Academic Institutions

(Patria de Lancer Julnes, President of ASPA)

12:15 – 13:15

Lunch

13:15 – 15:30

Young Scholars and Senior Scholars Presentations and Professional Development

Breakout Rooms of the scholars:

John Bartle, Jessica Sowa, Kendra Stewart, Harvey White, Corvinus Senior Scholar

Young scholars meet in groups with their assigned senior scholars to present and receive feedback

15:30 – 15:45

Snack Break

15:45 – 18:00

Young Scholars Revise and Shorten Papers / Presentations Based on Feedback

(Independently)

18:30 – 20:30

Welcome Reception

Tuesday, July 9

9:00 – 10:30

Standing Out in the Academic Job Market: How to Develop and Advance an Academic Career

(Senior Scholars TBD)

10:30 – 10:45

Snack Break

10:45 – 11:45

Individual CV/Resume Clinic Breakout Rooms in two rounds:

Round 1 - 10:45-11:15

Round 2 - 11:15-11:45

11:45 – 13:15

Teaching in Academia: How to Become a Great Teacher
(Senior Scholars TBD)

13:15 – 14:15

Lunch

14:15 – 15:45

Writing and Publishing in Academia: From Conception to Publication
(Senior Scholars TBD)

15:45 – 16:00

Snack Break

16:00 – 17:30

Obtaining Grants, Post Docs, and Fellowships
(Senior Scholars TBD)

18:30 – 19:30

Dinner

Wednesday, July 10

7:30 – 9:00

Open Buffet Breakfast

9:00 – 10:15

Young Scholar Presentations – Topic 1

10:15 – 11:30

Young Scholar Presentations – Topic 2

11:30 – 11:45

Snack Break

11:45 – 13:00

Young Scholar Presentations – Topic 3

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:15

Young Scholar Presentations – Topic 4

15:15 – 15:30

Snack Break

15:30 – 16:30

Reflections, Wrap Up

16:30 – 17:00

Senior Scholars Meeting

18:00 – 19:30

Closing Dinner and Award Ceremony

Thursday, July 11 — Cultural Day – Excursion, Location: TBD

7:30 – 8:30

Open Buffet Breakfast

9:30 – 13:00

Explore on Your Own

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 18:00

Explore on Your Own

18:00 – 19:30

Dinner

19:30

Shuttle Returns Home

Friday, July 12

7:30 – 9:00

Open Buffet Breakfast

Before 11:00

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