

BAAS Postgraduate Symposium 2023 – Call for Organisers

The BAAS team is advertising for organisers for the 2023 BAAS Postgraduate Symposium! We are seeking two organisers to shape and coordinate a symposium which will give postgraduate students in American Studies the opportunity to present their work, and receive constructive feedback from their peers. The symposium is also intended to help reinforce the interdisciplinary network of early career academics, to foster a supportive community of American Studies researchers and teachers.

The postgraduate organisers will have much leeway to articulate their own themes and structure for the one-day symposium. Applicants can apply as a team, or individually, and can be across different institutions, or at the same institution.

The organisers will receive support from the BAAS Postgraduate Representative, and the wider executive committee, in the organisation process. There will be support for advertising the symposium through the BAAS networks and social media, disseminating the call for papers, and compiling the programme. The event will be held in mid-March, with exact dates flexible considering the organisers' and institutions' availability. The broad structure of the symposium will contain panels for discussing research, a session on professional development, and potential for a coordinated panel or event with US Studies Online.

The symposium has previously been organised as an online-only event, however there is an option for the PG Symposium to be an in-person event this year. If an in-person event is preferred, BAAS development funding of up to £2000 can be applied for to assist with organising and enable the attendance of participants.

If you are interested in applying to be an organiser for the symposium, please send an email to Emma Hall (as the BAAS PG representative) at emma.hall@baas.ac.uk, by **January 31st**, with the following:

- A statement of no more than 500 words, outlining organisational experience for events (either in person, or online) and your vision for the BAAS symposium, including if you would like to organise an in-person or online event. This can be a joint statement if you are applying with another person.
- A CV (for each organiser).

Organisers will be offered funded attendance of the BAAS Conference at Keele University, 12-14 April 2023, in line with the funding guidance that can be found here: <https://baas.ac.uk/funding/funding-guide/>

If you have any questions, please email Emma for further details.