

Call for Proposals  
*Politics and the Life Sciences* Special Issue  
“Science in Politics: Methodological Innovations and Political Issues”

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**Deadline for Proposals: April 1, 2021**

**Submission link:** <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/pls>  
(Select “Science in Politics” from the Special Issue tab)

We are calling for proposals for a special issue of *Politics and the Life Sciences (PLS)* focused on the use of life science theory and methods to study political phenomena and the study of the intersection of science and political attitudes. This special issue will be 100% registered reports. Contributors will submit a fully specified study design (theory, methods, proposed analyses), which will go through the review process prior to data collection. Topics should engage with life science themes, theories, and/or methods and may include but are not limited to: attitudes towards science or experts, new methods for the study of prejudice, research on public opinion about climate change and the environment, and evolutionary and life science approaches to political phenomena.

Funded by the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, each successful submission will be funded \$2,000 to aid in data collection expenses. Guest editors will review the proposals after they are anonymized by the *PLS* editorial team.

The initial 2000-word proposals should include:

1. brief literature review identifying research questions and directional hypotheses (where applicable);
2. research design, complete with how the data would be collected, sampling method, sample size with statistical power tests, based upon extant studies where applicable; and
3. timeline for the research collection and analysis.

Once proposals are accepted by the editorial team, authors will be invited to write a complete registered report, which will be due Sept. 15, 2021, and then anonymously peer reviewed. To receive funding, the revised Registered Reports must be uploaded to [osf.io](https://osf.io) with data and statistical analysis code to be shared upon publication of the project.

Winners of these awards will be invited to present their designs at the Science in Politics workshop at Western University, Ontario in July 2021. Funding to bring one representative from winning teams will be arranged pending the outcome of a grant application for the workshop submitted to the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). Authors have the option of participating virtually.

**Timeline**

Dec 1, 2020 – Call for proposals

April 1, 2021 – 2000-word proposals due; anonymized editorial review commences.

May 15, 2021 – Review process concludes; Acceptance/rejection letters issued.

July 2021 – Winners present project designs at poster sessions at the Science in Politics workshop, London, ON, or virtually.

September 15, 2021 – Full registered reports are due; anonymized peer review begins.

Jan.-April 2022 – Accepted registered report authors will receive \$2,000; data collection commences.

May 1, 2022 – Complete manuscripts are due.

Fall 2022 -- Special issue published.