Call for Submissions

City & Community 25th Anniversary Emerging Scholars Conference

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of *City & Community,* the Editors-in-Chief are pleased to announce a one-day conference to be held at **Georgetown University** on **April 23, 2027**. The conference will showcase research by the next generation of urban sociologists in conversation with established scholars in the field. We invite submissions from graduate students and postdocs whose work contributes to the study of cities and community life. Relevant topics include, but are not limited to, neighborhoods and spatial inequality, housing and community development, urban political economy, segregation and gentrification, community institutions and organizations, immigration and the city, and urban culture. Graduate students at any stage of their training are encouraged to apply.

Conference Format

Accepted participants will present their work on panels alongside other emerging scholars, with each panel anchored by a senior faculty discussant. There will also be professional development opportunities, including small group mentoring and a presentation on how to publish in *City & Community* by the editors. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to all participants.

Financial Support

A travel stipend will be available to help offset costs for accepted presenters, scaled to distance traveled so that emerging scholars coming from farther away receive additional support. Selected participants from locations accessible by train are eligible for a stipend of up to $300 and those requiring flights to participate are eligible for a stipend of up to $500. More information will be provided to participants accepted to present.

Submission Guidelines

To apply, please submit an **extended abstract of 500-750 words** that clearly states your research question and the debates or puzzles your work addresses, describes your data and methods, and previews your central argument or (preliminary) findings. Applicants will be expected to submit a full draft of the paper by two weeks before the conference.

Attendance as a Non-Presenter

We invite faculty and other urban sociologists to attend the conference as non-presenters. Faculty attendance is central to the spirit of the event: the conference is designed to put emerging scholars in conversation with the broader field, and we especially encourage faculty to attend the panels, offer feedback, and connect with emerging scholars whose work speaks to their own. An interest form for non-presenters will open on January 1, 2027. There is no registration fee, though space may be limited.

Key Dates

Submission deadline: November 15th, 2026
Notification of acceptance: December 15th, 2026
Interest form for non-presenters open: January 1, 2027
Conference: Friday, April 23, 2027

How to Submit

Please submit your extended abstract at https://tinyurl.com/cicoconf which you can also reach using the QR code. Questions about the conference, eligibility, or travel support can be directed to cicojournal@gmail.com. We look forward to reading your work and to celebrating 25 years of *City & Community* together at Georgetown University.