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CALL FOR FACULTY SPEAKERS (Speaker Series)

Dear Chapter Sponsors,

We are currently accepting proposals for the Pi Gamma Mu Speaker Series in the 2025-2026 Academic Year. The Pi Gamma Mu Speaker Series showcases the research interests and areas of expertise of faculty sponsors. Lectures are open to all Pi Gamma Mu members and are hosted on Zoom.

If you would like to speak, please send your proposal to Allison G. S. Knox, First Vice President: Allison_G.S._Knox@hotmail.com.

APPLY FOR A PI GAMMA MU LECTURESHIP & CHAPTER EVENT GRANT

The Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu have established the Lectureship and Chapter Events Fund for the purpose of advancing the social sciences and researching and eliminating all forms of discrimination. Funds may be used by chapters in the following two ways: 1) to bring a specially qualified speaker to campus for a chapter event, or 2) to help cover expenses related to a chapter

hosting a scholarship based event for students. The Fund serves as a memorial to deceased Trustees of this honor society. The Trustees encourage chapters to apply.

Lectureship Guidelines

The amount available for a lecture may range up to \$300 depending on chapter size (see "Funding Guidelines" below). The topic of the lecture must be related to one or more of the fields within the scope of Pi Gamma Mu (see the [Constitution](#)). The lecturer should have special qualifications and must be a guest, not a member of the local faculty, administration, or staff. If approved, a check will be sent to the responsible chapter officer for presentation to the lecturer.

Chapter Event Guidelines

The amount available for a lecture may range up to \$300 depending on chapter size (see "Funding Guidelines" below). Chapters of Pi Gamma Mu hosting a scholarship-based event, such as a student research conference or symposium, may apply for funding of up to \$300 depending on chapter size. Funds may be used to help cover costs related to hosting the event. If approved, a check will be sent to the chapter officer.

Funding Guidelines

Chapters must have initiated members in the previous or current fiscal year to be eligible to apply.

A limited number of grants are available annually.

Grants are awarded in the following amounts based on the number of new members initiated in the previous or the current fiscal year (September 1 – August 31):

1	-	10	members	\$100
11	-	20	members	\$200
21+ members				\$300

Please mention Pi Gamma Mu as a funding supporter in the event program/marketing materials. We strongly encourage that a copy of the manuscript of the lecture, a copy of the event program, and/or photos of the event be sent to executivedirector@pigammamu.org for possible publication in the [International Social Science Review](#) or the Pi Gamma Mu [Newsletter](#).

Filing of this [application](#) includes acceptance by the applicant of conditions set forth on this form.

Submit application, at least **three** weeks before the lecture.

CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORTS DUE AUGUST 15

Attention, Chapter Sponsors,

Pi Gamma Mu
International Honor Society in Social Sciences

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Annual Chapter Report

Pi Gamma Mu Annual Chapter Report Form

Chapter Annual Reports are due on August 15.

Mail to: Pi Gamma Mu, 1001 Millington, Suite B, Winfield, KS 67156
or complete the electronic form below.

The following information is important to PTM Headquarters in maintaining effective communications with our chapters and chapter sponsors.

Print versions: [MS Word](#) or [Adobe PDF](#)
or submit online below.

General Information

*required fields

Report for academic year: 2022-2023

Chapter

School

State

Information about chapter sponsor:

Sponsor name

Sponsor address

Sponsor E-mail

Sponsor office phone

Sponsor fax

Information about faculty secretary-treasurer:

Chapter annual report forms are due on August 15.

To be eligible for Chapter Honor Rolls (Rolls of Distinction and Merit), chapters must submit their annual reports between April 1 and August 15. As your chapter holds events this semester, please take a moment to document those events and plan to include an attachment with your annual report. The supplemental information you provide helps us know about your activities and increases your chances of being recognized on our Chapter Honor Rolls.

The annual report form not only makes your chapter eligible for chapter awards but also helps your chapter to remain in compliance with Internal Revenue Service regulations. The international office will file your chapter's Form 990-N tax return on your chapter's behalf based on your answers to the two financial questions on the annual report form. Please help us to keep your chapter in compliance with the IRS regulations so that our Society and your chapter will maintain our tax-exempt status.

The online [form is available on our Website](#). We appreciate each Chapter Faculty Sponsor taking a few minutes to complete and return this report.

Pi Gamma Mu Executive Director Attends ACHS Annual Meeting



2025 ACHS Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO. Photo courtesy of the Association of College Honor Societies.

Suzanne Rupp, executive director of Pi Gamma Mu, represented Pi Gamma Mu at the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) Annual Council Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri on January 30 – February 1, 2025. This year's meeting coincided with the ACHS's 100th Anniversary and the theme of the event was "Celebrating 100 Years of Excellence". ACHS leadership said the following about this year's conference:

The 2025 ACHS Annual Conference took place **Jan. 30 to Feb. 1 in Kansas City, Missouri**, at the Hotel Kansas City. This event brought together leaders, educators, and members of honor societies from across the nation. This conference served as an important platform for sharing best practices, fostering collaboration, and addressing key issues facing honor societies in higher education, with a focus on leadership, academic excellence, and student engagement. **Thank you to all who joined!**

Conference events included a keynote lecture entitled, "What's Next: A History-Informed Future" presented by Dr. Michele D. Smith, Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at the University of Missouri – Kansas City. Other events included roundtable problem-solving discussions, an ACHS 101 event, a presentation on what's new in artificial intelligence, tips on building an integrated life, ACHS Committee meetings, the ACHS Business Council Meeting, a panel discussion on governance highs and lows, a presentation on reviving recruitment in the post-pandemic era, and a Centennial Anniversary celebration. Executive Director of Pi Gamma Mu, Suzanne Rupp, served as a member of the Eligibility Appeals Committee and moderated the final event of the conference, a panel discussion including three past-presidents of the ACHS who shared their wisdom with conference attendees.

The ACHS was founded on December 30, 1925. Seventeen individuals representing eighteen organizations were present at that first meeting. At the organization's meeting in 1926, the charter members were reported as Phi Beta Kappa, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Omega Alpha, and Order of the Coif. At this meeting, the organization was officially given the

name of the Association of College Honor Societies. Pi Gamma Mu has been a member of the ACHS since 1953.

The ACHS is the only certifying body for honor societies in U.S. colleges and universities. The ACHS serves as a coordinating body, helping to charter honor societies at accredited institutions and promoting academic excellence across diverse disciplines. The member societies of the ACHS are dedicated to recognizing and promoting academic excellence, span various academic disciplines and specific majors, focusing on honoring students who achieve high academic competence. Maintaining high standards is a top priority for the ACHS. The ACHS operates in compliance with the [Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education \(CAS\)](#) and regularly evaluates its members through a compliance and certification process. This ensures that ACHS member societies uphold the credibility and legitimacy essential to the honor society movement.

When asked about the purpose and benefits of attending such a meeting on behalf of Pi Gamma Mu, Dr. Rupp said the following:

The ACHS annual meeting is the only place in the world where leadership from various honor societies can gather to work together to maintain high standards, share ideas, and build a cohesive community of national and international honor societies.

Regarding its 100th anniversary and its place in history, the ACHS said:

The Association of College Honor Societies is the only certifying body for honor societies in U.S. colleges and universities. This visibly cohesive community of honor societies has grown from the six societies that formed ACHS to 68 in its hundredth year. As the landscape of higher education continues to change, ACHS remains dedicated to excellence and to making sure students and the academic community can make informed decisions when choosing to join or support an honor society.

Rupp looks forward to representing Pi Gamma Mu again next year at the ACHS Annual Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.