



Request for Proposals
2025 Midyear Meeting Host Institution
American Society of International Law

The American Society of International Law is pleased to announce that it is accepting proposals from academic institutions interested in hosting the 2025 Midyear Meeting of the Society. The Midyear Meeting is held annually in early November and encompasses several events, including leadership meetings of the Society's Executive Council and the Board of Editors of the *American Journal of International Law*; the Research Forum, which features cutting-edge international law scholarship by 70–100 authors; and the Practitioners' Forum, focused on providing substantive international law programming to the local legal community. The Midyear Meeting has been held since 2010 in Miami, Los Angeles, Athens & Atlanta, New York, Chicago, Washington, DC, Seattle, St. Louis, Brooklyn, virtually, Miami, Pittsburgh, and Chicago (upcoming).

Interested applicants should reference the included Host Institution Cooperation document for specific details on the benefits and obligations of hosting the Midyear Meeting. Academic institutions interested in hosting the 2025 Midyear Meeting should submit the following requested information in a single PDF submission to submissions@asil.org by **5 p.m. ET on Monday, September 16, 2024**.

Requested Materials

General Information:

1. Institution name
2. Institution physical location (street address, not mailing address)
3. Institution point of contact information (name, title, phone number, and email)

Facilities Information:

4. Description and photos of available meeting space at law school: Please be sure to include the maximum capacity of rooms and the audio-visual capabilities they offer (including a floor plan if available). Please include the names and/or numbers of proposed rooms.
 - a. Classrooms for Research Forum sessions (minimum of five theater-style classrooms with 60+ capacity needed concurrently for six time slots, all day Friday and Saturday);
 - b. Classrooms for career development sessions (one theater-style classroom with 60+ needed for three hours on Friday morning);
 - c. Keynote/plenary meeting space (minimum of one space, preferably separate from classrooms used for RF sessions, theater-style, with 250-person capacity); and
 - d. Reception/dinner space (minimum of one space suitable for 200+ attendees).
5. Audio-Visual capacity:
 - a. Please confirm that all Research Forum session rooms (classrooms) have the capacity to project PowerPoint slides or a video onto a screen or wall and the computers used for such purposes have access to the internet.
 - b. Depending on the speakers and topic, ASIL sometimes chooses to record and/or livestream Midyear Meeting plenary or keynote discussions. Please detail what capacities the rooms identified for these sessions have for recording or livestreaming.
 - c. While the intent is to ensure the entire Research Forum is in-person, global health considerations

may make it advisable to provide remote access as needed. Please detail the Host Institution's capacity to enable remote speakers to present.

6. Catering menu and costs:
 - a. Please provide a sample catering menu with pricing information from catering services proposed by the Host Institution.
 - b. Please convey any catering restrictions imposed by university regulations (requirement to use an in-house catering company, requirement of bartender for alcohol service, etc.).
 - c. Please provide information on any catering discounts which may be available.
7. Staffing: Please provide information on staffing costs (for catering, A/V support, and general staff support), including any internal discounts that may be available.
8. Parking: Please provide information about off-street parking availability near the Host Institution, including any discounts that may be available.

Accommodation Information:

9. Hotels:
 - a. Please provide the names, addresses, and contact information for hotels within a reasonable distance of the Host Institution which would be suitable for Midyear Meeting attendees.
 - b. Please provide any discounts for hotel rooms available by virtue of pre-existing arrangements with the Host Institution.
10. Transportation:
 - a. Please provide information about transportation options available to attendees from the nearest airport.
 - b. Should hotels be further than a reasonable walking distance from the Host Institution, please provide information and approximate costs for local companies which could provide shuttle services for attendees, including any potential discounts available by virtue of pre-existing arrangements with the Host Institution.

Midyear Meeting Committee Recommendations:

Planning responsibilities for the Midyear Meeting are undertaken by two committees: 1) The Research Forum Committee, which includes a member of the faculty of the Host Institution who will serve as co-chair with an additional member appointed by the ASIL President. This committee reviews and selects the papers for presentation in the Research Forum. 2) The Practitioners' Forum Committee, which includes a member from the local legal community of the Host Institution who will serve as co-chair with an additional member appointed by the ASIL President. This committee helps create the substantive, law firm, and corporate-focused programming of the Practitioners' Forum. Co-chairs for these committees are appointed by the President.

11. Research Forum co-chair nominee (Host Institution faculty): Please include name, affiliation, contact details, and CV
12. Practitioners' Forum co-chair nominee (law firm representative): Please include name, affiliation, contact details, and CV

Local Legal Community Information:

ASIL's President may appoint a local Host Committee on the advice of the Host Institution. The Host Committee usually includes honorary co-chairs, representing high profile figures in the business, legal, or philanthropic community who agree to lend their names to the Midyear Meeting for publicity purposes and two "serving" co-chairs who will take on the role of encouraging participation and financial sponsorship of the Meeting by the local legal and business communities. Please provide information on local entities with a focus

on international law issues that may be open to service on the Host Committee and/or co-sponsorship (financial or non-financial) of the Midyear Meeting. Please indicate any special connections with these organizations, including individual contacts or institutional relationships that might be used to approach these organizations.

13. Host Committee honorary co-chairs: Please include name, affiliation, and likelihood of a positive reply

14. Host Committee serving co-chairs: Please include name, affiliation, and likelihood of a positive reply

15. Law Firms

16. Corporations

17. Government Agencies (including U.S., state, and municipal, as well as foreign embassies and/or consulates)

18. International Organizations

19. Non-Governmental Organizations

20. Other Academic Institutions

Follow-up event:

As a part of its commitment to increasing the Society's presence in the Host Institution's location, the Society will place a high value on proposals that include a commitment to host a follow-up event organized in coordination with the Society and might include the Society's President, Executive Director, or other senior leadership representative. Such an event could take place at any time up to one year following the Midyear Meeting.

Miscellaneous:

If there are any offsite cultural centers, art museums, historic buildings, or other locally-significant spaces where the Society could hold a closing reception, please list them here. It is especially helpful if the Host Institution has a connection to these spaces to help facilitate an introduction and/or discounts on rental fees.

Please also feel free to provide any additional information you feel is important for the Midyear Meeting Site Selection Committee to be aware of when considering your institution's proposal to serve as host of the 2025 Midyear Meeting.

ASIL Midyear Meeting Host Institution Cooperation

The American Society of International Law (ASIL) hosts a “Midyear Meeting” in early November. The meeting serves several purposes with leading scholars and practitioners of international law:

- Bringing Society programming to members and potential members unable to attend the Washington, D.C.-based Annual Meeting (held in March or April);
- Fostering academic discussion and scholarship in a wide variety of international law fields through the “Research Forum” component;
- Providing scholars with feedback from the Society’s leadership who are experts in their respective fields of international law;
- Promoting engagement with the legal practice community (including corporate counsel and private practitioners) on current issues in international law through the “Practitioners’ Forum” component;
- Providing students and new professionals with insights and tools for pursuing a career in international law and opportunities for access to leading experts in these fields;
- Providing ASIL members with access to publishers, practitioners, and service providers in the field of international law; and
- Convening meetings of the Society’s Executive Council and the AJIL Board of Editors.

The Midyear Meeting is an initiative of the Society, begun in 2010, and attended by 150-250 registrants each year. Past locations for the Midyear Meeting have included:

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| - Miami, Florida (2010) | - St. Louis, Missouri (2017) |
| - Los Angeles, California (2011) | - Los Angeles, California (2018) |
| - Athens and Atlanta, Georgia (2012) | - Brooklyn, New York (2019) |
| - New York City, New York (2013) | - Virtual (2020) |
| - Chicago, Illinois (2014) | - Virtual (2021) |
| - Washington, DC (2015) | - Miami, Florida (2022) |
| - Seattle, Washington (2016) | - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (2023) |

The Research Forum component of the Midyear Meeting is held onsite at a local law school, designated as the Host Institution. **The Host Institution receives the following benefits:**

- Complimentary registration to non-ticketed events (all events included in the general registration fee) for all faculty, staff, and students of the host institution;
- Identification and recognition as Host Institution on all program materials and websites;
- Inclusion of institution logo and link to institutional web page on all program materials and websites;
- Selection by ASIL of a Research Forum Committee co-chair from the faculty of the Host Institution;
- Opportunity to recommend individuals to serve on the ASIL Midyear Meeting Host Committee;
- Opportunity to have printed materials distributed to all participants, displayed at Research Forum registration, and included on the Midyear Meeting mobile app, as appropriate;
- Hosting and sponsoring the official Research Forum “welcome reception” onsite at the law school, with remarks by a representative designated by the institution; and
- Opportunity to host an ASIL “International Law Career Panel and Speed Mentoring event” for students and new professionals onsite (host institution students may attend for free).

As Host Institution, the law school agrees to undertake the following obligations:

- Participate during the relevant academic year in ASIL's Academic Partnership program (\$5,000/year institutional membership fee with separate program benefits);
- Designate at least one (1) full-time staff member to coordinate the logistics of the Research Forum with ASIL staff (including printing, room set-ups, catering and AV coordination, onsite support, etc.);
- Identify and reserve for the Research Forum, in coordination with ASIL leadership and staff, a weekend (Thursday through Saturday) in November during which no other academic conferences will be held at the law school;
- Reserve classrooms, courtrooms, reception areas, and other meeting space as required for Research Forum events. ASIL staff will provide the designated institution staff with a list of the space required for the events scheduled to take place at the Host Institution by the deadline put forward by the host institution staff contact;
- The Host Institution will cover the set up and catering costs for the "welcome reception." ASIL will provide an attendee count for the reception to allow the institution to order the appropriate amount of catering. The Host Institution will be the named sponsor of the reception;
- Cover "facilities costs" associated with the Research Forum, including such expenses as chair and table set up for registration, substantive panels, exhibitor space, and receptions and audio-visual support, including computers and projectors, Wi-Fi access for attendees, and microphones and speakers;
- Provide internal rates for ordering catering for coffee, breakfasts, and other events held onsite where ASIL will be covering costs, including, if relevant, removal of administrative fees, removal or lowering of rates on staffing fees, and other internal discounts available to the Host Institution;
- Suggest, after discussion with ASIL, local law firms, corporations, and other entities that should be solicited for sponsorship of the Midyear Meeting, and, if relevant, names and contact information for individuals within those organizations with relationships to the Host Institution;
- Identify potential keynote/high profile speakers related to the field of international law in the geographic region that might be a draw for individuals to attend the Midyear Meeting. Should one of these individuals be selected as a keynote speaker, the Host Institution will work with ASIL to determine whether an invitation should be extended by ASIL, the Host Institution, or jointly;
- Identify potential hotels that might serve as the conference hotel, including arranging for any pre-existing agreements for discounted room rental rates with the Host Institution to be applied to Midyear Meeting attendees;
- Support ASIL staff members who conduct a site visit in the summer to prepare for the Research Forum by arranging meetings with internal staff and contacts as needed; and
- Help ASIL identify local cultural institutions that might provide a suitable venue for an offsite reception or other social event.