

National South Asian Summit 2015

Call for Community Proposals

**SAALT IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A CALL FOR COMMUNITY PROPOSALS FOR THE
NATIONAL SOUTH ASIAN SUMMIT 2015.**

DEADLINE: JANUARY 25, 2015

The *National South Asian Summit 2015* will convene South Asian organizations, advocates, and allies from across the U.S. on April 10-13, 2015 in Washington, D.C. The Summit is an opportunity for organizational leaders and community members to: **engage** with policymakers and government agencies; **participate** in a learning environment; **discuss** emerging issues in the South Asian community and the country as a whole; and, **strategize** to achieve best practices, discuss collective solutions, and agree to common principles using a progressive, social justice framework.

This year's theme reflects the growing urgency for diverse South Asian American individuals and families to lift up our voices and create change through collective action for justice.

Claiming Our Power

Mobilizing diversity. Building vision. Demanding justice.

Summit 2015 sessions—reflecting a variety of formats, including workshops, panels, plenaries, screenings and discussion groups, and so forth—will take place on Saturday, April 11, 2015 and Sunday, April 12, 2015 at the American University Washington College of Law. SAALT is committed to reflecting the interests and ideas of community members to help ensure engaging, relevant content and encourages individuals and organizations to submit ideas for consideration.

Session topics may include:

- Current issues affecting the South Asians in the US, such as, immigration, national security, racial and religious profiling, hate crimes, biased-based bullying, gender justice, LGBTQ justice, health, civic engagement, xenophobic rhetoric in public discourse, and other issue areas reflected in the National Coalition of South Asian Organizations' (NCSO) [National Action Agenda](#)
- Skills-building and resource-building around approaches to social change, such advocacy, community organizing, community mobilization, storytelling, partnerships and coalition-building, and direct services
- Individual and organizational leadership development
- Organizational capacity building and infrastructure building skills and topics, such as funding, board development, volunteer management

NOTE: SAALT is particularly interested in including programming by and for students, young advocates, and young professionals around the above topics this year.

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All sessions will be 75 minutes. The deadline for proposals is January 25, 2015.

Due to limited space in the Summit 2015 schedule, it will not be possible to incorporate every submitted proposal. We encourage you to be creative! A review team will assess all submissions and work to identify a balance of offerings for the Summit 2015 agenda. SAALT will reach out to individuals and organizations that are selected by February 2, 2015.

For information about Summit 2015, please visit www.saalt.org/programs/south-asian-summit/.

Please direct all questions to summit@saalt.org.

The National South Asian Summit 2015 is hosted by South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT) and the South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA) of the American University Washington College of Law as part of the Founder's Day Celebration.

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INSTRUCTIONS

- In the Word version of the application, please complete the following information by placing your cursor in the grey cell beneath each field and typing your responses.
- For proposals involving co-facilitation, panels, or collaboration, only the primary contact (primary presenter/facilitator) needs to submit a proposal.
- Priority consideration will be given to clear, concise, and fully completed proposal ideas that reflect the Summit 2015 theme and topic areas and are submitted by the deadline.
- All sessions will have access to computer with CD/DVD player, projector, screen, and wi-fi.

Please note that sessions will take place on April 11-12, 2015 and by submitting a proposal you are confirming that, if selected, you are available to conduct your session on either day.

Primary contact

First name

Last name

Affiliation *(Please indicate the organization, school, or other group you will be representing or affiliated with as a facilitator/presenter or list. If you will be presenting as an individual, please list NONE.)*

Job title *(If applicable)*

Sector *(Indicate all that apply)*

Non-profit Private Public/Government Education Other: _____

Email

Phone

Brief bio detailing relevant experience and expertise *(As it will appear in Summit documents, if selected—200 word maximum)*

Session role of primary contact *(Indicate one)*

Facilitator/Presenter Panel moderator Panelist Other: _____

Session Proposal

Session title

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Session format *(Indicate one)*

Panel Workshop Screening and discussion Other: _____

Session focus *(You may indicate more than one, but each must be robustly reflected in your session)*

Issues Strategies/Approaches to work Capacity building and infrastructure building Leadership development

Target audience

Maximum # of participants

Session goals *(Please describe 3-5 specific goals for your session)*

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Session summary *(As it will appear in Summit documents, if selected—150 word maximum)*

Session agenda outline *(Please provide a detailed outline of your 75-minute agenda. Your agenda should reflect specific ways in which your session will be achieve your session goals, as well as be engaging or interactive.)*

Vision statement *(SAALT will receive many proposals around a variety of topics. Many of the proposals will address similar topics. Please share why your proposal idea and approach are relevant and unique, speaks to this year's theme and other requirements, and should be included in the Summit 2015 agenda.)*

Partners and Collaborators

- Please provide information for your co-facilitators (if any) OR panel moderator and panelists. If you indicated yourself as a facilitator/presenter or moderator/panelist in the primary contact section above, you do not need to place your information here.
- Due to the session time limitation, panels should include no more that 3-4 panelists plus 1 moderator. The moderator should not serve as an additional panelist.
- Though helpful, panel proposals are not required to confirm all panelists in this proposal, but should provide strong ideas for panelists that reflect your goals, summary, and outline.

Co-presenters/Co-facilitators

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Co-facilitator #1

First name	Last name

Affiliation *(Please indicate the organization, school, or other group you will be representing or affiliated with as a facilitator/presenter or list. If you will be presenting as an individual, please list NONE.)*

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Co-facilitator #2

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Panels

Panel moderator

First name

Last name

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Panelist #1

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Last name

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Panelist #2

First name

Last name

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Panelist #3

First name

Last name

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Panelist #4

First name

Last name

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Job title *(If applicable)*

Sector *(Indicate all that apply)*

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