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States Association Interest Group

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The States Association Interest Group invites submissions for competitive selection for the SSCA 2026 Conference to be held in Birmingham, Alabama. We especially welcome submissions that address the convention theme, “Comm-AI-nity: Conversations in the Age of Intelligence.” Visit ssca.net for more information about the conference.

Competitive Paper Submissions: All paper submissions must be electronically submitted to the SSCA convention site at <https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/member>. Please follow the instructions on the convention site.

Student Papers: All papers submitted will be considered for the division/interest group’s Top Paper Award. For student papers, indicate “STUDENT” on the first page of the manuscript, and indicate “Student Paper” during the submission process. In order for a submission to be considered a student paper and to be eligible for student awards or recognition, all authors of the paper must be students at the time the paper is submitted. The Division’s Top Student Paper will be submitted for consideration for the SSCA Bostrom Young Scholar Award.

Panel and Roundtable Submissions: All paper submissions must be electronically submitted to the SSCA convention site at <https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/member>. Panels and roundtables are submitted through the same process as competitive papers; just be sure to select the appropriate submission type when prompted. The submitter will be able to add other panelists as “authors” after the initial submission. Upload a copy of the panel, listing the description/rationale, panelists, and, if appropriate, panelists’ individual topics; upload this at the “Upload Paper” prompt.

Anonymous Review: All papers submitted should follow standard procedures for removing any information that identifies the author and/or the institution within the paper and within any document metadata. Division/interest groups reserve the right to reject any papers not following these standards.

Audio-Visual Support must be requested only if needed with supporting rationale and should be part of the submission to the division/interest group planner. Requests will be considered and are not guaranteed.

Submission Protocol: Submissions to SSCA must be original research and should not be submitted to more than one division/interest group.

Deadline: Submissions must be submitted online no later than **11:59 p.m. PST on Monday, September 15, 2025**. Go to the submission site by going to the conference website (<https://www.xcdsystem.com/ssca/member>) and clicking the submission link.