



## SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

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### Professional Partner Organization (PPO)

The **Professional Partner Organization (PPO) program** provides a pathway for professionally oriented organizations to establish a formal relationship with the Society for American Archaeology (SAA). PPOs gain visibility within the international archaeological community, opportunities to collaborate with SAA on advancing research and professional practice, and access to resources that support ethical and responsible archaeology. By becoming a PPO, your organization affirms its commitment to professional standards and strengthens connections across the discipline.

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### Benefits & Privileges of Becoming a PPO

As a Professional Partner Organization, your group will enjoy the following benefits and opportunities:

- **Professional Recognition:** PPOs may use the provided badge “*Society for American Archaeology Professional Partner Organization 202X*” on their website, marketing materials, and other communications. The membership badge is issued after the organization has been accepted as a PPO. Modifications to the provided badge are prohibited. (Use of the SAA logo requires written permission.)
  - **Subscription:** One annual subscription (either digital or print) to *The SAA Archaeological Record*.
  - **Government Affairs Updates:** A single copy of the *SAA Government Affairs Update* email newsletter will be sent to your designated PPO representative for distribution within your organization.
  - **Visibility in SAA Communications:** New PPOs will be recognized in the *Notes from HQ* electronic newsletter and in *The SAA Archaeological Record*.
  - **Professional Development Opportunities:**
    - One complimentary *Foundation Skills Seminar* group registration per membership year (a value of \$89).
    - One discounted *Deeper Digs Seminar* group registration per membership year (a value of \$139).
  - **Leadership Engagement:** Your designated PPO representative will receive an invitation to the *Leaders in Archaeology* breakfast and roundtable discussion at the SAA Annual Meeting.
  - **Annual Meeting Recognition:** Members of PPOs attending the SAA Annual Meeting will receive a *Professional Partner Organization* ribbon for their badge.
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## Requirements

The PPO program is designed for organizations seeking a formal organization-to-organization relationship with the Society for American Archaeology. A PPO is typically a professional or institutional organization. Membership organizations that are primarily oriented toward avocational archaeologists should apply to join the **Council of Allied Societies (CoAS)** instead.

PPOs agree and attest that they will be guided by SAA's [Principles of Archaeological Ethics](#) and make the ethics principles available to their employees. PPOs agree to advocate to their employees that they register with the [Register of Professional Archaeologists](#) (rpanet.org)

## How to Apply

To apply, organizations must:

1. Receive approval from their governing body (e.g., Board of Directors) to apply for affiliation as a PPO.
2. Submit a **completed PPO Application Form** signed by the principal contact.
3. Include the following with the application:
  - A copy of, or link to, your **Mission Statement**
  - A copy of, or link to, your **Bylaws**
  - A check (or documentation of electronic payment) for the **\$99 application fee**

## Approval Process

A sub-committee of SAA's Board of Directors will review the application materials and make a recommendation to the full Board. A majority vote of the Board will determine the application outcome.

Beginning the following calendar year, your organization will be invoiced for annual PPO dues of **\$99**. If an application is not approved, organizations may reapply after one year.

Any organization that has applied and has been accepted by SAA may withdraw their PPO status by notifying SAA in writing. If an organization was not accepted by the SAA they may re-apply the following calendar year. SAA may terminate PPO status by providing written notification to the SAA.

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