

Seeking Executive Office(r) for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

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The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) seeks dynamic and reliable leadership for its Executive Office. We invite applications from individual candidates as well as from association management groups.

The SSSR is an interdisciplinary academic association that stimulates, promotes, and communicates social scientific research about religious institutions and experiences. SSSR was founded at Harvard University in 1949 as the Committee for the Social Scientific Study of Religion. Today, the SSSR fosters interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration among more than a thousand scholars from sociology, religious studies, psychology, political science, economics, international studies, gender studies, and many other fields. The Society's flagship publication, the [*Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*](#), is the most cited resource in the field. Our annual meetings bring together leading scholars in the social and behavioral scientific study of religion for three days of networking, presentations, plenary sessions, and small group meetings in a different city each fall.

The SSSR is governed by an 11-member Executive Council that meets annually. Members have access to a quarterly peer-reviewed journal produced through a contract with John Wiley and Sons, an annual three-day conference with 500-600 attendees, and a website (<https://sssreligion.org>). The organization's annual budget is approximately \$300,000, with a fiscal year that runs from January 1 to December 31.

The duties of the Executive Office(r) include:

- Execute the policies and directives of the Council.
- Work closely with the Society Treasurer to create and manage the Society's annual budget.
- Actively collaborate with volunteer leaders to develop and implement strategic and operational goals and organize the annual conference.
- Hold responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Society and its budgeted financial operations, administration of its grants and awards programs, and execution of its annual meeting.

The Executive Office(r) role is dominated by two major tasks: managing the Society's Business Office operations and supporting an annual conference. Staffing needs vary over the course of the year, averaging 15 hours/week, with the most intense period occurring near the annual Fall conference.

This is a part-time, remote, independent consultant position. In-person attendance at the annual Council meeting and conference is expected. The one-year, contracted position will renew annually by mutual agreement. Compensation includes a base annual stipend of \$55,000 as well as support for office/staff expenses and conference travel.

Interested parties should submit a CV/resume and letter of interest outlining your experience in nonprofit management, commitment to the [core values](#) of SSSR, and reasons for applying. Management association applicants should include a proposal for services. Applications should be uploaded by **July 31, 2026**, as a single PDF to <https://bit.ly/SSSR-2026-EO>.

Questions may be directed to any member of the search committee: Tricia Bruce (Chair and SSSR President-Elect) at triciabruce@gmail.com, Eric McDaniel at emcdaniel@austin.utexas.edu, or Marquisha Scott at marquisha.scott@du.edu.