

Proposing a New Caucus

SRCD welcomes the formation of new Caucuses to address the perceived need for structured community support to foster and facilitate research by and about members of a particular group underrepresented or lacking targeted representation within the Society. Given the demands placed on the Caucus to build and maintain infrastructure and governance, a case must be made for both the need for targeted support for members of or researchers studying this subcommunity (beyond support offered through other channels within the Society) and sufficient interest in and commitment to the new Caucus among SRCD members. A proposal may be submitted to the Executive Director of SRCD at any time to be reviewed and voted upon by GC at the next (spring or fall) GC meeting. The proposal must specifically explain how the new Caucus will serve a unique need and will contribute positively to the Child Development research community and the membership of the Society.

The proposal should include the following elements:

- The name of the proposed Caucus.
- The mission of the proposed Caucus.
- A narrative explaining the need for the Caucus, how it differs from and might relate to other existing Caucuses, what types of activities are envisioned, and how this Caucus would enhance the intellectual diversity, scientific rigor, and community-building within SRCD consistent with SRCD's strategic goals.
- An optional petition to form the Caucus signed by current SRCD members – although this is not required, it is helpful in making the case for sufficient support and demand that the new Caucus is likely to thrive.
- Draft bylaws. (See bylaws for other SRCD Caucus posted on their webpages as examples.)
- A proposed initial leadership team and/or a slate of nominees for elected offices who have all agreed to serve.