



In honor of the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation, the Helms School of Government and the Center for Law and Government gather to reflect on the signing of the Declaration of Independence, our founding charter. In celebration of our shared national heritage, this conference will present excellent scholarship generated by our students and faculty investigating a broad range of subjects, which include the philosophy, law, history, and culture of our founding era. It also features discussion on how we can live out these principles today, along with opportunities for interactive engagement with our nation's unique heritage. We aim to provide a rigorous and Christian perspective that deepens our understanding of the nation's founding through an exploration of one of its most essential and enduring documents. In addition, we will offer a full day of engaging events coinciding with the conference.

We are accepting papers focused on any aspect of the Declaration of Independence. Liberty University students of all levels and faculty are invited to participate. A dedicated team of university faculty will review the papers, with one student and one faculty member each receiving a financial award and also presenting their papers during the conference.

Awards are as follows:

- Student Scholarship: \$1,000.
- Faculty Research Award: \$1,000.

Please visit the [Conference website](#) to learn more about the conference. The submission link will be shared at a later date.

Important Dates

July 1, 2026:

Paper submission opens

August 21, 2026:

Paper submission closes

August 26, 2026:

Award recipients notified

Conference:

September 17, 2026