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PROSPECTUS CONTENTS

I. Title and Authors/Editors

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II. Table of Contents

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Submission Round	Meeting Date	Anticipated Submission Deadline
Fall 2025 (AAA)	Nov 19-23, 2025	October 6, 2025
Spring 2026 (SAA)	April 29-May 3, 2026	March 16, 2026
Fall 2026 (AAA)	Nov 18-22, 2026	October 5, 2026
Spring 2026 (SAA)	April 7-11, 2027	February 20, 2027

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