



CALL FOR EXTERNAL REVIEWERS

Professors, please share this opportunity with your students.

Stance seeks undergraduate philosophy students to serve as manuscript reviewers. *Stance* reviewers hone their writing, researching, and analysis skills by evaluating original papers by some of the world's most talented undergraduate scholars. Reviewers must have advanced undergraduate experience in philosophy, strengths in writing and editing, and the self-motivation necessary to complete work by given deadlines. A letter of recommendation from a professor who is familiar with your philosophical abilities is required.

Stance has two types of manuscript reviewers. "External Reviewers" evaluate two or three manuscripts, typically in late January or February. "Assistant Editorial Board Members" serve on our major review teams. Assistant Editorial Board Members consider approximately 20–30 papers in December. All reviewers receive training material that explains what is expected in the formal review and are guided by an experienced *Stance* staff member. Reviewers are credited in both the print and electronic versions of the journal.

TO APPLY, PLEASE

1. Return the student application below as an email to ballstatestance@gmail.com.
2. Arrange for a philosophy professor to send a letter of recommendation that addresses *Stance's* questions (below) to ballstatestance@gmail.com by October 20, 2025.

STUDENT APPLICATION:

Please provide:

(1) Background information:

- a. Name:
- b. Name of School:
- c. Year in School:
- d. Major(s)/Minor(s):
- e. List of Philosophy Courses Taken:

(2) A short paragraph for each of the following questions:

- f. What is your specialty and concentration?
- g. What experience do you have that would qualify you for this project?
- h. What goals do you have that working on *Stance* will support?
- i. What, in your opinion, are the makings of a good philosophy paper?

(3) The name of the professor who will provide a letter of recommendation for you. When a professor agrees to write a letter for you, please provide the professor with the guidelines below.

GUIDELINES FOR PROFESSORS WRITING A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:

Thank you for assisting *Stance* in our search for highly qualified external reviewers. Students who review for *Stance* have advanced undergraduate experience in philosophy, strong writing and editing skills, and the self-motivation necessary to meet deadlines.

Please send the letter of recommendation directly to *Stance* at ballstatestance@gmail.com. Please include "LOR for [insert applicant name]" in the subject heading of the email. *Stance* asks that letters be sent as attachments, not written in the body of the email. For more information about *Stance* see <http://stancephilosophy.com>

PLEASE ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN YOUR BRIEF LETTER:

What is the name of the student you are recommending?

How does this student handle deadlines? What is this student's history with regard to providing high quality work always on time?

What is this student's level of experience in philosophy? Does the student have sufficient content mastery and philosophical skills to understand and offer insights regarding the original work of some of the world's best undergraduate authors?

What is this student's level of writing proficiency? Will they be able to provide constructive and useful anonymous reviews of manuscripts written by undergraduates that are being considered for publication?

Does this student have sufficient experience in philosophy to provide substantive criticism of undergraduate manuscripts or the self-motivation necessary to conduct independent research to develop enough expertise to provide criticism?

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 20th, 2025

Please contact us at ballstatestance@gmail.com if you encounter problems or have questions about the submission process.

Again, thank you for your interest in *Stance*. We look forward to receiving your application.