

Call for Proposals for AMS Special Sessions for the Joint Mathematics Meetings in Washington, D.C. January 6-9, 2021

In his responsibilities for the AMS program at the 2021 Joint Mathematics Meetings (JMM), Associate Secretary Brian D. Boe solicits your proposals for AMS Special Sessions. A Special Session is a collection of papers devoted to a single topic or area of mathematics. The 2021 JMM will be held from Wednesday, January 6 through Saturday, January 9, 2021 in Washington, D.C. Each Special Session proposal must include:

1. the title of the proposed Special Session;
2. the 2-digit primary [Math Subject Classification Number](#) which most closely matches the topic of the proposed Session;
3. the name, affiliation, and e-mail address of each organizer, with one organizer designated as the contact person for all communications about the Session;
4. a brief (one or two paragraph) description of the topic of the proposed Special Session;
5. a *sample* list of speakers (along with their institutions) whom the organizers plan to invite. (The prospective speakers should not be invited before approval of the Session proposal.)

Organizers are strongly encouraged to consult the AMS Manual for Special Session Organizers at: www.ams.org/meetings/specialsessionmanual.html, in its entirety.

Special Sessions will, in general, be allotted between 5 and 10 hours in which to schedule speakers. To enable maximum movement of participants between sessions, organizers must schedule each speaker for either a) a 20-minute talk, 5-minute discussion and 5-minute break; or b) a 45-minute talk, 10-minute discussion and 5-minute break. Any combination of 20-minute and 45-minute talks is permitted, but all talks should begin and end at the scheduled time. In particular, all the talks should start on the hour or half-hour, except on the first afternoon when special sessions must begin at 2:15pm and hence, talks will start on the quarter or third-quarter hour.

Proposals for AMS Special Sessions should be sent by e-mail to Professor Boe (brian@math.uga.edu), and must be received by **April 16, 2020**. Late proposals will **not** be considered. No decisions will be made on Special Session proposals until after the submission deadline has passed.

The number of Special Sessions on the AMS program is limited and not all proposals can be accepted. A large number of high-quality proposals is expected. Therefore, please be sure to submit as informative and convincing a proposal as possible for review by the Program Committee. We aim to notify organizers whether their proposal has been accepted by **May 29, 2020**. Following that deadline, specific additional instructions will be given to the contact persons of the accepted Special Sessions.