
Call for Proposals for 2001 Conferences

Call for Proposals for Joint Summer Research Conferences in the Mathematical Sciences for 2001

The American Mathematical Society, the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics welcome proposals from mathematicians, either singly or in groups, for conferences to take place in the summer of 2001 as part of the Joint Summer Research Conferences. For almost twenty years these conferences have played a vital role in disseminating the latest research to more than 8,000 mathematicians whose research interests span the breadth of the mathematical sciences. Individuals willing to serve as organizers should be aware that staff of the sponsoring societies handle the logistical details of the conferences, thus making it possible for the organizers to focus almost exclusively on the scientific aspects of their conference. In particular:

- Core funding for the conferences is provided by a grant from the National Science Foundation. It is anticipated that future funding will provide approximately \$20,000 for direct support of conference participants for each of 6–8 one-week conferences.
- The professional conference coordinators in the AMS office will provide full logistical support and assistance before, during, and after the conference, thereby freeing the organizers to concentrate on providing a high-quality scientific program.
- Organizers are strongly encouraged to publish conference proceedings with one of the sponsoring societies. The sponsoring societies are committed to the rapid and widest possible dissemination of these proceedings as a means of sharing the conference research with those unable to attend.

Conferences emulate the scientific structure of those held at Oberwolfach, although this structure is flexible. The proposals to be selected will represent diverse areas of mathematical activity, with emphasis on areas currently especially active. Conferences typically run for one week with forty-five to sixty-five participants. Conferences of longer duration are possible.

All proposals must include (1) the names and affiliations of proposed members and the chair(s) of the Organizing Committee; (2) a three- to four-page narrative addressing the focus of the topic, including the importance and timeliness of the topic; (3) a list of the proposed principal speakers, the majority of whom have agreed to participate; (4) estimated total attendance and a tentative list of individuals to be invited to participate; (5) a list of the recent conferences in the same or closely related areas; and (6) the curriculum vitae of the chair and co-chair(s) of the Organizing Committee.

Organizers are expected to make a vigorous attempt to include qualified women, underrepresented minorities, and junior scientists (advanced graduate students and recent Ph.D.'s) as participants in their conference. Additional information on submitting a proposal, including examples of recent successful proposals, is available at <http://www.ams.org/meetings/topics.html> or may be requested by contacting the Meetings and Conferences Department as indicated below.

A list of the conferences scheduled for the summer of 2000 may be viewed at <http://www.ams.org/meetings/src.html>.

Do you see being a conference organizer as part of your future? Then begin preparation of your proposal soon! The deadline for receipt of all proposals is February 1, 2000. Proposals will be evaluated by the AMS-IMS-SIAM Committee on Joint Summer Research Conferences in the Mathematical Sciences. (The committee is listed at <http://www.ams.org/meetings/srcscomm.html>.) Members of this committee are willing to provide guidance on the preparation of proposals. In addition, they are willing to provide feedback on preproposals which address items (1) and (2) above and which include a tentative list of principal speakers who will be contacted if a complete proposal is submitted. Preproposals should be submitted by November 12, 1999. Conference proposers will be notified of the committee's decisions in early spring of 2000.

Submit preproposals and proposals to: Joint Summer Research Conferences, AMS Meetings and Conferences Department, P.O. Box 6887, Providence, RI 02940; fax: 401-455-4004; e-mail: meet@ams.org.