Call for Conference Proposals
2012 MRC Conferences

Mentoring strong, eager students in small groups is one of the most rewarding things we do. Imagine the opportunity to choose a group of advanced graduate students and beginning postdocs in your field, from around the country, and spend an intense week getting to know them and helping them learn some new and valuable elements of your field.

— David Eisenbud, Chair, MRC Advisory Board.

The American Mathematical Society (AMS) invites individuals and groups of individuals to serve as organizers of summer conferences of the Mathematics Research Communities (MRC) program to be held in Snowbird, Utah, in the summer of 2012. The MRC program is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

About the Mathematics Research Communities program
Mathematics Research Communities, a program of the American Mathematical Society, nurtures early-career mathematicians—those who are close to finishing their doctorate or have recently finished—and provides them with opportunities to build social and collaborative networks through which they can inspire and sustain each other in their work.

The structured program is designed to engage and guide all participants as they start their careers. The program includes a one-week summer conference for each topic, Special Sessions at the national meeting, discussion networks by research topic, and a longitudinal study of early career mathematicians.

Those accepted into this program will be fully supported for the summer conference, and will be partially supported for their participation in the following Joint Mathematics Meetings. The summer conferences of the MRC are held in the breathtaking mountain setting of the Snowbird Resort, Utah, where participants can enjoy the natural beauty and a collegial atmosphere. The MRC program is open to individuals who are United States citizens as well as to those who are affiliated with U.S. institutions. Women and underrepresented minorities are especially encouraged to participate.

The Division of Meetings and Professional Services of the AMS coordinates the Mathematics Research Communities program, and supports organizers throughout the entire program. Questions about the overall MRC program should be addressed to Ellen J. Maycock, associate executive director, at ejm@ams.org or 401-455-4101.

Summer Conferences
The American Mathematical Society’s Meetings and Conferences staff members arrange all the logistics of the summer conferences for the Mathematics Research Communities program. This administrative support allows organizers to focus almost exclusively on providing a high-quality scientific program and enables both organizers and participants to concentrate on the conference and take advantage of the services, venue, and surrounding attractions. The AMS Meetings and Conferences Department provides general information and details online at www.ams.org/amsmtgs/mrc.html.

The dates for the MRC conferences in summer 2012 are June 10–16, June 17–23, and June 24–30. The program pays for air transportation for all participants and organizers, up to US$630 in 2012, transportation by van from the Salt Lake City airport to the resort and back, as well as room and board for the stay at Snowbird. Each organizer receives an honorarium of US$3,000. Additionally, each organizing committee has the option of choosing a graduate student to assist with work before and during the conference, for an honorarium of US$3,000. Young mathematicians should apply to be participants in the MRC program by March 1, 2012. The organizers of each summer conference choose among these applicants during the month of March, 2012, paying special attention to creating a diverse group of participants. Although the main emphasis of the summer conferences is the scientific program, it is important for the organizers to spend time with participants discussing professional development topics, such as the job
search, writing grant proposals, giving talks, and other activities.

**How to Submit a Proposal**

Members of the MRC Advisory Board and AMS staff members are pleased to provide guidance on the preparation of proposals.

**Proposals:**
The MRC Advisory Board encourages individuals to submit inquiries to ensure sufficient time for feedback. Proposals need to include the following information:

1. Organizing Committee members, with names and addresses (4–5 for a 40-participant conference, 2–3 for a 20-participant conference).
2. Scientific narrative addressing the focus, importance and timeliness of the topic, no more than five (5) pages long.
3. Organization of the week of the summer conference.


Send inquiries and proposals to:

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**Dates for 2012 MRCs**
June 10–16, June 17–23, June 24–30

**Deadlines for 2012 MRCs**
Intent to submit proposal: March 1, 2011
Proposals: April 1, 2011

All individuals who submit proposals will be notified of the decisions before Monday, August 1, 2011.

**About Snowbird Resort**
Situated in a beautiful, breathtaking mountain setting, Snowbird Resort provides an extraordinary environment for the MRC program. The atmosphere is comparable to the collegial gatherings at Oberwolfach and other conferences that combine peaceful natural ambience with stimulating meetings. MRC participants have access to a range of activities such as a tram ride to the top of the mountain, walking and hiking trails in the surrounding mountains, and swimming in heated outdoor pools. Participants also enjoy the simpler pleasures of convening on the patios at the resort to read, work, and socialize. At the conclusion of the day’s program colleagues may enjoy informal gatherings to network and continue discussion of the day’s sessions over refreshments. Within a half hour of the University of Utah, Snowbird is easily accessible from the Salt Lake City International Airport. For more information about Snowbird Resort, see [www.snowbird.com](http://www.snowbird.com).

— Ellen J. Maycock
Associate Executive Director
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