
For Your Information

Departments Coordinate Job Offer Deadlines

For the past twelve years, the American Mathematical Society has led the effort to gain broad endorsement for the following proposal:

That mathematics departments and institutes agree not to require a response prior to a certain date (usually early in February of a given year) to an offer of a postdoctoral position that begins in the fall of that year.

This proposal is linked to an agreement made by the National Science Foundation (NSF) that the recipients of the NSF Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Fellowships would be notified of their awards, at the latest, by the end of January. The purpose is to ensure that applicants do not have to make decisions about job offers before the results of the National Science Foundation (NSF) postdoctoral fellowship competition are announced. The agreement applies only to offers of postdoctoral positions and not tenure-track positions, and only to applicants who are less than two years past the Ph.D. Last year, 148 mathematics and applied mathematics departments and three mathematics institutes endorsed the agreement.

The AMS proposes that mathematics departments again collectively enter into the same agreement for the upcoming cycle of recruiting, with the deadline set for Friday, February 3, 2012. The NSF has already agreed that it will complete its review of applications by January 25, 2012, at the latest, and that all applicants will be notified electronically at that time.

The list of departments and institutes endorsing this agreement for postdoctoral positions beginning in the fall of 2012 appears on the AMS website at <http://www.ams.org/employment/postdoc-offers.html>.

Please notify Ellen Maycock at the AMS (ejm@ams.org) **if and only if:**

(1) your department is not listed and you would like to be listed as part of the agreement

or

(2) your department is listed and you would like to withdraw from the agreement and be removed from the list.

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