
Mathematical Sciences Employment Center

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January 6–9, 2016*

The Employment Center offers a convenient, safe and practical meeting place for employers and job seekers attending the Joint Meetings. The focus of the Employment Center is on PhD-level mathematical scientists and those that seek to hire them from academia, business, and government.

Employment Center Web Services

Employment Center registration information should be accessed through the MathJobs.org system. For those who do not have existing MathJobs.org accounts, it will be possible to set up special Employment Center accounts at www.mathjobs.org. The website and all information will be available beginning in early September 2015 and will remain accessible through January 9, 2016 (the last day of the Employment Center). While some schools may delay appointment setting until late December 2015, virtually all scheduling will be done before any Joint Mathematics Meetings (JMM) travel takes place, so applicants should expect few or no additional appointments to be available after arrival. Registering on-site, for applicants, serves no real purpose.

No Admittance Without a JMM Badge

All applicants and employers planning to enter the Employment Center—even just for one interview—must present a 2016 Joint Meetings Registration badge. Meeting badges are obtained by registering for the JMM and paying a meeting registration fee. The Advanced registration deadline is December 22, 2015. See the JMM website at: jointmathematicsmeetings.org/jmm for registration instructions and rates.

Employers: Choose a Table

There are three table types available for employers, based on the number of interviewers who will be present at any given time:

- One or two interviewers per table in the “Quiet Area” (US\$340), each additional table (US\$175).
- Three to six interviewers per table in the “Committee Table” area (US\$430), each additional table (US\$190).
- Free electricity is supplied to every table with purchase of the table.
- New this year, “One Day Tables” allow for on-site interviewing for one day without placing an ad. These tables,

which can accommodate up to three interviewers, may only be purchased starting December 23, 2015 through January 8, 2016. The fee is (US\$195). Please register online at www.mathjobs.org and choose the “EC-One Day Table purchase”.

Employers: Schedule an Interview

All Employment Center data and registration must be entered on the MathJobs.org site. An existing account can be used for accessing Employment Center services and for paying applicable fees. If no account exists, participants can start an account solely for Employment Center use.

Employers are expected to create their own interview schedules as far in advance as possible by using the assisted-email system in MathJobs.org or by using other means of communication. Please do not schedule an interview to begin until fifteen minutes after the Employment Center opens (see schedule below).

2016 Employment Center Schedule:

December 22, 2015 is the deadline for table registration. After this date only “One Day Tables” will be available for purchase. This is also the deadline to register for the JMM badge, needed for admittance to the EC, at Advanced Registration Prices.

HOURS of OPERATION (Please note there is no access to the EC prior to the opening times listed.):

Wednesday, January 6, 2016—8:00 am–5:30 pm

Thursday, January 7, 2016—8:00 am–5:30 pm

Friday, January 8, 2016—8:00 am–5:30 pm

Saturday, January 9, 2016—9:00 am–12:00 noon

Location: Exhibit Hall 4B, Fourth Level, Washington State Convention Center, 800 Convention Place, Seattle, Washington.

Do not schedule an interview to begin until 15 minutes after opening.



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Please mark appointments as confirmed in your MathJobs.org account, as this will allow the appointments to display in the applicants' schedules. At the time of each interview, meet the applicant in the on-site waiting area and escort him or her to your table.

Employers: How to Register

- Registration runs early September 2015 through December 22, 2015 at the following website: www.mathjobs.org. After December 22, only "One Day Tables" will be available. They should be reserved and paid for through MathJobs.org.

- Use your existing MathJobs.org account or create a new Employer account at www.mathjobs.org. Once a table is reserved, the ad can be placed at any time (or never) and will run until late January.

- For new users of MathJobs.org, click the NEW EMPLOYER link on the main page of www.mathjobs.org. Choose your table type and fill out the New Employer Form.

- For existing users of MathJobs.org, go to www.mathjobs.org. Log into your existing account. Purchase a table by clicking the "EmpCent" logo in the menus along the top tool bar. Use the "buy tables" link. Then post a job using the NewJob link or attach an existing job to your table.

- Each person who will need to enter the Employment Center area must have a meeting badge (obtained by registering for the JMM and paying a meeting registration fee).

To display an ad on-site, and use no Employment Center services at all, submit your one-page paper ad on-site in Seattle to the Employment Center staff. There is no fee for this service.

For complete information, visit www.ams.org/emp-reg/.

Applicants: Making the Decision to Attend

- The Employment Center offers no guarantees of interviews or jobs. Hiring decisions are not made during or immediately following interviews. In the current job market, the ratio of applicants to employers is about 10:1, and many applicants go completely unnoticed.

- There will ordinarily be no research-oriented post-doctoral positions listed or discussed at the Employment Center.

- Interviews will go to applicants who applied to jobs during the fall and are now being sought out by the institutions for in-person meetings during the JMM.

- There will be no opportunity to speak to employers without a prearranged interview, and no walk-up job information tables. Scheduling of interviews will be complete prior to the JMM.

The majority of Employment Center employers are academic departments of mathematical sciences seeking to meet a short list of applicants who applied for their open positions during the fall. Each year, a few government or industry employers are present. Often, they are seeking US citizens only due to existing contracts.

All job postings are available on the website in advance, and now that this electronic service is in place, there is no other messaging conducted on paper.

Past attendees have pointed out that all interviews are arranged in advance, and there is no opportunity to make connections on-site if it has not happened before the meeting. In a recent survey, 50 percent of respondents reported being invited for at least one on-campus visit to an employer they had interviewed with at the Employment Center. Please visit the Employment Center website for further advice, information and program updates at www.ams.org/emp-reg/.

Applicants: How to Register

- Early registration is vital since most employers will finalize schedules before arriving in Seattle.

- To register, applicants should log into their MathJobs.org accounts or create a new account, look for the EmpCent icon across the top tool bar and mark that they will be attending by clicking the link: "click here if you are attending the Employment Center". You can then upload documents and peruse the list of employers attending and the positions available. You do not have the option to request an interview with an employer. However, if you are interested in any position, you can apply to the job. The employer will be aware that you are also attending the event and will contact you directly if interested in setting up an interview.

There are no Employment Center fees for applicants; however, admission to the Employment Center room requires a 2016 JMM badge, obtainable by registering (and paying a fee) for the JMM. To register for the meeting, go to the website: jointmathematicsm meetings.org/jmm.

It is possible to attend one or more privately arranged interviews without an official Employment Center registration; however, a meeting badge is required to access the interview room.

Applicants should keep track of their interview schedules and note their busy times in their accounts. If invited for an interview at a conflicting time, please ask the employer to offer a new time or suggest one.

For complete information, visit: www.ams.org/emp-reg/.

Questions about the Employment Center registration and participation can be directed to Pamela Morin, AMS Membership and Programs Department, at 800-321-4267, ext. 4060 or by email to emp-info@ams.org.