The AMS is soliciting proposals for AMS Special Sessions at the Joint Mathematics Meetings (JMM) to be held January 5–8, 2022 in Seattle. Proposals that reflect the full spectrum of interests of the mathematical community are welcome.

A special session is a collection of talks devoted to a single area of mathematics or a single topic, and each special session proposal must include the following:

1. The title of the session
2. The name, affiliation, and email address of each organizer, with one organizer designated as the contact person for all communication about the session
3. A brief, one paragraph description of the topic of the proposed special session
4. A sample list of speakers whom the organizers plan to invite (It is not necessary to have received confirmed commitments from these potential speakers.)
5. Either the primary two-digit MSC (Mathematics Subject Classification) number that most closely matches the topic—see the list found here—or one of the following new code numbers adopted for topics that may have been included previously in an MAA session or other organization’s session at the JMM
   • 101: Teaching and learning
   • 102: Recreational mathematics
   • 103: Professional development and professional concerns
   • 104: Wider issues
   —see more information here

Proposals for AMS Special Sessions should be sent by e-mail to jmmss-requests@ams.org by April 7, 2021.

Late proposals will not be considered. No decisions will be made on proposals until after the submission deadline has passed.

Organizers are encouraged to consult the AMS Manual for Special Session Organizers, which can be found here.

Special sessions typically will be allotted between 5 and 10 hours in which to schedule speakers. To enable maximum movement of participants between sessions, organizers must schedule each session speaker for either (a) a 20-minute talk with 5-minute discussion and 5-minute break or (b) a 45-minute talk with 5-minute discussion and 10-minute break. A special session may include any combination of 20-minute and 45-minute talks that fits within the time allotted to the session, but all talks must begin and end at the scheduled time.

The number of special sessions in the AMS program at the JMM is limited, and because of the large number of high-quality proposals, not all can be accepted. Please be sure to submit as detailed a proposal as possible for review by the Committee on Special Sessions and Contributed Paper Sessions. Organizers of proposals will be notified whether their proposal has been accepted by May 25, 2021. Shortly after that deadline, additional instructions and the session’s schedule will be sent to the contact organizer of each accepted session.