AGU Fall Meeting 2021 Deadlines

#AGU21 is a well-orchestrated event with deadlines that are set in advance to ensure everyone – from presenters to attendees to the Fall Meeting Program Committee (FMPC) – is able to create a fantastic scientific meeting. But what happens once you submit your proposal and/or abstract?

Here’s a look at the process from start to finish.

- **The FMPC starts meeting in January 2021** to discuss how to incorporate lessons learned, feedback from attendees and stakeholders, and emerging scientific themes into a new event. Novel formats are discussed and new experience ideas are generated.

- **1 March**
  - Call for proposals opens!

- **March – April**
  - AGU staff talk with affiliated societies to co-create sessions and design opportunities both during and alongside the meeting.

- **14 April**
  - Deadline for call for proposals

- **19 May**
  - Deadline for FMPC to review/merge proposals.

- **6 – 7 May**
  - FMPC meets to discuss proposals and identify the best ideas.

- **16 June**
  - Session proposal acceptance notification letters are sent. Abstract submission site opens.

- **20 May – 8 June**
  - AGU conducts final programming and testing of abstract submission site.

- **19 May**
  - Mid – April to mid – May
    - FMPC reviews submitted proposals and looks for opportunities to merge proposals (when appropriate). FMPC contacts conveners for clarification on proposals or requests to merge them. At least one convener must be available to respond to inquiries during this time. Keynote speakers are selected and invited by AGU, and Union and special sessions are reviewed and selected by the FMPC. The FMPC identifies any additional topics or areas of science that would be beneficial to include in the meeting program.

- **4 August**
  - Deadline for abstract submissions (and AGU staff pull an all-nighter to help those folks who have last minute questions or need assistance.)

- **5 – 18 August**
  - FMPC and conveners review submitted abstracts to determine if any should be transferred to different sessions than the one for which they have been submitted. FMPC allocates session formats (oral, eLightning or poster) for accepted session proposals. At least one convener for each session must be available to discuss any final mergers of sessions. Late breaking session proposals can open at any time based upon needs or events in the community.

- **23 August – 7 September**
  - Session conveners can access the online scheduling system to review and schedule abstracts in their session(s). Conveners can recommend abstracts for transfer to a more appropriate session, if needed.

- **3 November**
  - All attendees, including presenters and conveners, must register for #AGU21 to attend Fall Meeting online or in-person. Early bird discount is available until 3 November. To access the AGU member discount, you must renew your membership or join by 3 November.

- **5 October**
  - Abstract acceptance notifications sent; online scientific program and itinerary planner opens

- **8 - 10 September**
  - FMPC meets to create the #AGU21 scientific schedule.

- **11 Sept - 4 October**
  - AGU staff conducts final clean-up of scientific program schedule and final testing of online program and itinerary planner.

- **13 – 17 December**
  - AGU welcomes attendees from around the world to New Orleans and online everywhere!