

Tips & Tricks for a Successful Union & Special Session Proposal

These sessions are also known as meeting-within-a-meeting or innovative sessions

These sessions should focus on interdisciplinary topics and convergent science themes of interest to a broad membership. Proposals should have a creative format, a combination of any of the formats above and designed and proposed for one session (75–90 mins), half day or a full day.

As always, our primary goal is to ensure a safe and productive meeting. We are actively watching advice on gathering and travel and working with local, national and international advisory groups. If conditions and advice change and warrant a reduced in-person event, or fully virtual event again, we will inform conveners and the AGU community as soon as possible. We expect to have further updates at least by the time abstracts open for submission in mid-June.

The **Fall Meeting Program Committee** will make the final decision on which proposals are accepted for #AGU21.

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Review tips 1 & 3 from General Scientific Sessions since those also apply here.

General Scientific Sessions Tip #1—Identify the primary convener who will serve as the main point of contact for the session. This person must be a current 2021 AGU member or a current member of an affiliated society. If you are not a current AGU member, email the **Scientific Program Team** for help with submitting your session proposal.

General Scientific Sessions Tip #3—Proofread your proposal. You may submit more than one, but ensure the topics are different and across disciplines. Proposals that are celebratory or honorary will generally not be considered. Proposals that are primarily advertisements of commercial products and services or contain the name of a specific experiment in the title/description will be not be considered. The **Fall Meeting Program Committee** may: move sessions to another or more appropriate AGU section than the one to which it was submitted, request conveners revise the session title and/or description or merge proposals on similar topics.

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Align with AGU's Strategic Plan

- List how the session aligns with the **strategic goals and mission of AGU** and affiliated organizations.

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Include Potential Speakers

- Include potential speakers who are of high benefit to the AGU community as well as diverse presenters and conveners.
- Speakers can be confirmed upon proposal acceptance.

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Optimize In-Person and Virtual Presentations

- Optimize in-person and virtual participation and presentations in a dynamic way and creatively demonstrate the value and potential of remote participation and engagement.

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Showcase or Connect

- Showcase or connect remote locations, labs and/or field sites as part of the presentation and session.

Important note. Session chairs, invited authors and all speakers must pay a registration fee if they are attending and/or presenting at the meeting.

The proposal submission deadline is **14 April 2021, 23:59 EDT/03:59 +1 GMT**.

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