



We'd like you to... Lead an SEPM Research Conference Tell me more...

SEPM Research Conference Purpose:

bring together the top researchers and students working on a topic;
bring multiple groups together for new synergies

Length:

typically 3 - 5 days; enough time for immersion

Size:

50 - 80 is optimal. 100 is too many; >35 needed for financial viability

Location:

pleasant, semi-isolated surroundings with some recreational activities available. Field trips are encouraged but not necessary.

Scheduling:

open and flexible. Leaders have latitude to create a mix of talks, posters, discussions and field trips as they'd like. Numerous timeslots for individual and group discussion are key for a successful conference. Location and dates are flexible.

Why lead a Research Conference?

Opportunity to:

- build a better network in your field, especially for new research directions and early career researchers
- demonstrate leadership service in a professional society; fun way to give back.
- build an honorarium into the budget to compensate you for your time & expertise.
- share unique outcrops; promote your team's results

I'm in, what's next?

Contact the SEPM Research Councilor with your idea.

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Any SEPM staff or council member can take your name and note your interest.

Prepare a written proposal with the following parts:

- conference title
- conference leader name(s) and contact information
- start and end dates and locations
- summary of purpose, scope, and why it is timely
- tentative program outline (oral, poster, discussion, field sessions)
- anticipated number of participants, with maximum and minimum number
- key supporting participants or leaders (optional)
- tentative expenses/budget and potential sponsorship sources (if applicable)

Find out more at

<https://www.sepm.org/Organizing-a-Conference>



SEPM Research Conference Info

Pro tip:

Form a team
of leaders
(2 - 4 people)
to spread out
the tasks