

Propose a GeoHealth Session for the 2020 AGU Fall Meeting!

What is the AGU?

The American Geophysical Union (AGU) is an international, nonprofit scientific association whose mission is to promote discovery in Earth and space science for the benefit of humanity. The society is organized into sections that encompass disciplines such as Atmospheric Science, Biogeosciences, and Hydrology as well as interdisciplinary fields such as Global Environmental Change, Natural Hazards, Societal Impacts, and GeoHealth.

What is the GeoHealth section?

GeoHealth, a new AGU section, aims to advance our understanding of the complex interactions between the environment (including earth, water, soils and air) and the health, well-being, and continued progress of human populations. Our members come from diverse backgrounds in the geophysical, biological, and public health sciences and share a passion for research at the nexus of Earth and health sciences.

Why should I propose a GeoHealth session?

AGU's Fall Meeting is the largest international Earth and space science meeting in the world. The meeting includes hundreds of GeoHealth presentations and posters covering topics including vector-borne diseases, climate and health, air and water pollution, and other environmental health hazards. All sessions are proposed and organized by AGU members who select topics that will be of greatest importance and interest to meeting attendees. We are actively soliciting new session convenors to expand the breadth and depth of GeoHealth content at the annual meeting. The next AGU Fall Meeting will be held in San Francisco in December 2020.

How does the process work?

Each session proposal is submitted by a primary convenor and one or more co-convenors. The convenors pitch their session idea by submitting a 150-word description. The primary convenor must be an AGU member, but annual membership costs only \$50/year (\$20/year for students) and includes a variety of benefits including discounted meetings registration. The convenors must submit an application, including a brief session description, via the AGU website before the April 15th deadline. The applications are evaluated by the AGU program committee and selections are made in June.

What kind of session should I propose?

You can choose from a variety of session formats, including traditional oral and poster sessions, panels, short talks, and eLightning talks. You can also select up to four other AGU sections for **Cross-listing**, which will help abstract authors find your session. If you have two AGU member co-convenors with primary affiliations in different sections and your session showcases transdisciplinary science, you can propose a **Co-organized** session. If you are not a member of AGU, but you are a member of a co-sponsoring organization, you could **Co-Sponsor** a session (read more on Co-sponsored sessions [here](#)). **Union** sessions covert broad topics of interest to members from a variety of disciplines, and are not cross-listed with other sections. **SWIRL** themes can be selected for any session to help make your session and interdisciplinary research linkages discoverable. There are also new [Innovative Session](#) types including Virtual and Creative Half-Day Programming.

How are presenters selected?

The convenors can formally invite up to two presenters who will be asked to submit when abstract submission opens in June. Additional presenters can choose to submit abstracts to the session during the abstract submission period. The convenors can promote the session to their scientific communities and encourage public submissions.

How do I get more information?

See the AGU session proposal website, <https://www.agu.org/Fall-Meeting/Pages/Submit-a-Proposal>, for information on how to submit an application. If you have questions, you can contact Michael Wimberly, co-chair of the AGU GeoHealth Communications and Outreach Committee, at mcwimberly@ou.edu.