Virtual Signal Processing Society Member Driven Initiatives

2021 Cycle 2 proposals are being accepted now!

The Society offers funding under the Member Driven Initiatives program for events that encourage involvement by SPS membership, including local chapters, universities, industry members as well as individual members. Programs under the Member Driven Initiatives include the launched Forums and Regional Meetings, in addition to the existing Chapter Driven Initiatives. Consider hosting your virtual event! Cycle 2 is considering events that will be held between October 2021 and March 2022. At this time, SPS is only accepting proposals for fully virtual events; in-person events are not being supported at this time.

**Forums**
Aimed at networking and with topics of interest to industry members. Formats include panel sessions, and presentations or lectures by industry experts. Content should be created based on interest to industry, and cannot include papers for publication.

**Regional Meetings**
Local high quality technical events (such as local workshops or small conferences) aimed to serve the local or regional community, as opposed to international conferences and workshops that cater to the needs of the worldwide research community. Events should target themes of interest to SPS members. Meetings can include conference paper publications.

**Chapter Initiatives**
Additional options for grant funding may include: chapter-centered events for practicing engineers; chapter meeting featuring industry executives; outreach to get students at primary schools interested in signal processing; design competitions; or other ideas. Initiatives are interactive events designed to provide attendees with specialized background in select signal processing topics. Professors and established practitioners work closely with attendees in hands-on tutorials and applications, building meaningful collaborative relationships.

The IEEE Signal Processing Society is happy to provide up to US$3,000 of support, on an application basis, and we’re accepting proposals for virtual Forums, Regional Meetings, and Chapter Driven Initiatives now! Submit your Member Driven Initiative proposal today!

Proposals for virtual 2021 Cycle 2 Member Driven Initiatives are due **2 July 2021**, with final decisions announced by 3 September 2021.

Questions about the SPS Member Driven Initiative program? Visit the Organize Local Initiatives on the Society website.