

Member Driven Initiatives in Signal Processing

2022 Cycle 1 proposals being accepted now!

Did you know 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 **Seasonal Schools, Forums, Regional Meetings, and Chapter Initiatives.**

Please note, the Seasonal School and Member Driven Initiative proposal periods have been combined to simplify the process. There will be only two submission periods per year, currently the Society is accepting proposals for 2022 Cycle 1. Cycle 1 is considered events that will be held between April 2022 and September 2022. The Society is encouraging hybrid accommodations for individuals who cannot attend. Travel and/or physical events may resume starting on 1 July 2021. Travel must adhere to the IEEE Travel Guidelines and to appropriate guidance from cognizant local public health authorities.

Seasonal Schools

Are you looking to energize signal processing students, early stage researchers, and industry practitioners? Consider hosting a Seasonal School for young engineers! Seasonal Schools are interactive events designed to provide attendees with specialized background in select signal processing topics. Professors and established practitioners work with attendees in virtual tutorials and applications, building meaningful collaborative relationships.

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. Schools 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, to help offset the cost of these workshops and conferences.

[Submit your Member Driven Initiative or Seasonal School proposal today!](#)

Proposals for Cycle 1 Member Driven Initiatives, including Seasonal Schools, are due **25 January 2022**, with final decisions announced by 14 March 2022.

Questions about the SPS Member Driven Initiative program? Visit the [Organize Local Events & Member Driven Initiatives](#) or [Seasonal Schools page](#) on the Society website. Check back on the [SPS website](#) to keep up-to-date on upcoming events!