

Chairing a Technical Session at GSA 101

Reasons to Chair a Session

- Share your science (the technical program is made from your submitted topics, if you don't see your area of research then submit a session so that your science is represented)
- Demonstrate your service to the profession
- Gain leadership experience
- Meet other scientists who work in this area

Who can Chair a Session at GSA

- GSA encourages professionals and early career professionals to chair sessions

How it Works

- Submit your session abstract by 1 February, 11:59 p.m. PST (if you are uncertain you may submit with a co-convener who has chaired before)
- If your session is accepted you may invite up to three speakers and abstract submissions to your session (yes you can submit an abstract to your own session – but it cannot be considered invited)
- Request sponsorships (endorsements) from organizations, Divisions, Committees, or Associated Societies
- You will be notified of your session day/time late August

Role of a Session Chair

- Recruit speakers to submit abstracts to your session, taking into consideration the diversity session presenters
- Organize and put into order the submitted talks
- Advertise your session to colleagues and community within your subject matter
- Open the session with introductory remarks
- Introduce speakers
- Be a timekeeper
- Manage speakers Q&A, as well as being prepared with questions of your own

Submit your proposal at
<https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2020AM/cfs.cgi>