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3 DECADES OF ADVANCING THE MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES.

PIMS MONTHLY CONNECTION | June 2026

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PIMS NEWS



[M2PI 2026 is in Full Swing](#)

From May 25 to June 12, PIMS is hosting Math to Power Industry (M2PI), a three-week program that connecting talented graduate students and postdoctoral researchers in the mathematical sciences with industry challenges.

Described by one industry participant as a “**fantastic opportunity to bring superbly trained minds to bear on your analytical challenges.**” M2PI provides organizations with fresh, data-driven insights while giving trainees valuable hands-on experience applying advanced mathematical tools to real-world problems. [...]



[PIMS at 30: From Vision to Impact](#)

As PIMS celebrates its 30th anniversary, we look back at how a bold idea from founding director **Nassif Ghoussoub** grew into one of Canada’s leading mathematical institutes. Established in 1996 as a distributed network connecting universities across Western Canada, PIMS was created to strengthen collaboration, support emerging researchers, and raise the international profile of the mathematical sciences.

Today, the institute spans 10 member universities and has supported more than 450 postdoctoral fellows, thousands of scientific events, and a vibrant community of researchers, students, and partners in Canada and beyond. [Read the full article to learn more about the origins and evolution of PIMS.](#) [...]



[Changing the Culture Conference Explores AI in Mathematics Education](#)

PIMS recently supported another successful Changing the Culture Conference which brings together mathematicians, mathematics educators, and school teachers to connect research with classroom practice. This year’s theme, **The New Constant: AI in Mathematics Education**, sparked thoughtful discussion on how artificial intelligence can enhance the teaching, learning, and assessment of mathematics. The conference attracted an excellent turnout and featured a particularly memorable presentation by Douglas Lam of St. George’s School on teaching mathematics with compassion and accountability.

PIMS NETWORK DEADLINES

[Call for Proposals: SMS 2028 Summer School at PIMS](#)

PIMS is excited to host the **2028 Séminaire de Mathématiques Supérieures (SMS)** in Vancouver, and the SMS Steering Board is now accepting letters of intent from prospective organizing teams. SMS is a high-level summer school in pure and applied mathematics. Each edition focuses on a timely research theme, runs two weeks, includes minicourses, and hosts advanced graduate students selected to receive financial support. The SMS is jointly supported by the CRM, ISM, the Fields Institute, PIMS, and SLMath. Key dates:

June 12, 2026 — Letters of intent due to Sakina Benhima (benhima@crm.umontreal.ca)

September 2026 — Full proposals due (from shortlisted teams)

Researchers considering a proposal are encouraged to contact Ozgur Yilmaz (director@pims.math.ca) and Deanna Needell (co-director-programs@pims.math.ca) early to discuss themes and how PIMS can support a strong application.

[Nominations Closing Soon: PIMS Board Member – Saskatchewan](#)

Deadline: June 15, 2026. We are seeking nominations for a **Board Member** in the category of Mathematical Scientist representing Saskatchewan. All members of the PIMS community are encouraged to put forward nominations, including self-nominations. Nominees should be mathematical scientists based in Saskatchewan. Nominations should include the nominee’s institutional affiliation, a brief statement of qualifications, and a CV. Please submit nominations to director@pims.math.ca.

[Applications: Collaborative Research Group \(CRG\)](#)

Deadline: August 15, 2026. PIMS Collaborative Research Groups (CRGs) support teams of researchers with shared scientific interests and a strong commitment to collaboration. Successful applicants may receive up to \$240,000 CAD over three years to support postdoctoral positions, workshops, and research exchanges. Proposals are selected through a competitive two-stage review process. Please send draft applications to PIMS co-directors before August 15th. [...]

FEATURE EVENTS

[Sage Days Western Canada 2026: Rocky Mountains](#)

📅 June 7–12, 2026 | 📍 Barrier Lake Station, Kananaskis, AB

Part of a global series running since 2006, Sage Days brings together the SageMath community for hands-on collaboration and exchange. The event supports new users getting started, advances open-source development, and creates space for community discussion on the future of SageMath.

Designed to benefit both researchers and the platform itself, Sage Days continues to foster a collaborative, international community around mathematical software. Registration is closed. [...]

[Summer School on Homotopy Colimits](#)

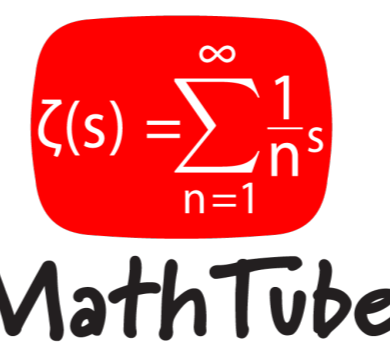
📅 June 22–26, 2026 | 📍 University of Regina

This summer school will introduce graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and early-career researchers to homotopy limits and colimits, fundamental tools in modern homotopy theory with applications to topology, geometry, and algebra. The program features five mini-courses led by experts including Inna Zakharevich, Chris Kapulkin, Anna Marie Bohmann, Brenda Johnson, and Alejandro Adem. Registration is closed. [...]

MEDIA

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ABOUT PIMS

Founded in 1996, the Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences (PIMS) promotes discovery, understanding, and collaboration in the mathematical sciences. With a network spanning Western Canada and Washington State, PIMS supports research, training, and outreach through Collaborative Research Groups, Postdoctoral Fellowships, and competitive event funding. Our mission is to advance excellence in mathematics while fostering equity, diversity, inclusion, and global partnerships.

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