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3 DECADES OF ADVANCING THE MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES.

PIMS MONTHLY CONNECTION | **September 2026**

Welcome to PIMS Connection! Showcasing collaborations, discoveries, and leadership driving innovation — as we celebrate 30 years of advancing mathematical sciences.

With the start of the academic year comes a busy season of opportunities across the PIMS network—please take note of these upcoming deadlines.

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PIMS NEWS



[Call for Scientific Proposals](#)

A reminder that the Scientific Call for Proposals is open, with opportunities to support conferences, workshops, and collaborative research activities. This year's call also includes:

- [Research Catalysts](#)—seed funding to spark new collaborations.
-  [Thematic Year on the Mathematics of Quantum Science and Technology](#)—now accepting proposals.

Researchers from across the PIMS network are encouraged to explore these opportunities. Deadline: October 1, 2026. [...](#)



[PIMS Postdoctoral Fellowship Competition Now Open](#)

The 2027–2028 PIMS Postdoctoral Fellowship competition is now open, and PIMS faculty are invited to nominate outstanding postdoctoral candidates in the mathematical sciences. There are several changes to this year's competition, so prospective

nominators are encouraged to review the updated requirements and nomination process on the [PIMS Postdoctoral Fellowship program](#) page. [...]



[PIMS Thematic Year on Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence](#) ♦

Researchers across the PIMS network can look forward to a year of workshops, conferences, and special events exploring the mathematical foundations, applications, and societal impacts of AI. Recent activities include the [Women in Mathematics of Data Science Workshop](#) and the [PIMS Workshop on Lean with LLM Integration](#), along with the AI-focused M2PI projects.

The [PIMS Survey on AI](#) aims to gather perspectives from the mathematical sciences community to help inform future programming and ensure the Thematic Year reflects the interests and emerging needs of researchers across the network. [...]

PIMS NETWORK DEADLINES

[PIMS Network-Wide Colloquium](#)

 17 September 2026 – April 2027 |  Online

Registration is now open for the 2026–2027 PIMS Network-Wide Colloquium, featuring an exceptional lineup of internationally renowned speakers from across the mathematical sciences. This monthly online lecture series showcases leading researchers whose work is shaping their fields, offering participants the opportunity to engage with cutting-edge ideas and connect with colleagues from across the PIMS network. [...]

[CNRS Postes Rouges Fellowships](#)

 Application Deadline: September 24, 2026

Applications are now open for the 2027 CNRS Postes Rouges Fellowships, supporting research collaborations between faculty at PIMS member universities and mathematicians at CNRS-affiliated laboratories in France. Offered through the PIMS CNRS International Research Laboratory (IRL), the program funds two- to three-month research visits, strengthening international partnerships and scientific exchange across the mathematical sciences. [...]

[PIMS Europe Fellowships](#)

 Application Deadline: September 30, 2026

Applications are now open for the 2027 PIMS Europe Fellowships, supporting research collaborations between faculty at PIMS member universities and researchers across France. Offered through the PIMS CNRS International Research Laboratory (IRL), the fellowships provide CAD \$5,000 to support research visits of two months or longer, fostering new collaborations and strengthening international partnerships in the mathematical sciences. [...]

[Call for Scientific Proposals](#)

 Application Deadline: October 1, 2026

PIMS is accepting proposals for activities that advance research and collaboration across the mathematical sciences, this includes conferences, workshops, summer schools, Distinguished Visitors, Research Catalysts, Collaborative Research Groups, PIMS Research Networks, and activities for the 2027–2028 Thematic Year on Mathematics of Quantum Science and Technology. Researchers across the PIMS network are encouraged to explore the funding opportunities. [...]

[Call for Organizers: Joint BIRS–PIMS–SLMath Graduate Summer School](#)

 Application Deadline: October 1, 2026

BIRS, PIMS, and SLMATH invite proposals to organize a Joint BIRS–PIMS–SLMath Graduate Summer School, to be held in Summer 2028 at the University of British Columbia Okanagan. Proposals are welcome on any topic in the mathematical sciences, offering organizers the opportunity to shape an immersive two-week research training experience for graduate students from across Canada and the United States. Funding for student participation, organizers, and

instructors will be provided through the three partner institutes. [...]

[Call for Submissions: 2026–2027 PIMS First Year Interest Group Projects](#)

 Submission Deadline: September 18, 2026

PIMS Postdoctoral Fellows are invited to propose First Year Interest Group (FYIG) projects for the 2026–2027 academic year. The PDF will lead a small reading group, typically of up to four early-stage graduate students, exploring books or papers that have inspired the PDF and are accessible to students in the group. Groups meet online every two weeks throughout the academic year. [Submit your application here.](#)

[PIMS Postdoctoral Fellowships Call for Nominations](#)

 Nomination Deadline: December 1, 2026

PIMS invites nominations for outstanding recent PhD graduates in the mathematical sciences for postdoctoral fellowships at Canadian PIMS member universities. The program supports exceptional early-career researchers while fostering research excellence and collaboration across the PIMS network. [...]

FEATURE EVENTS

[Mathematical Foundations of Quantum Advantage '26](#)

 September 8–12, 2026 |  Simon Fraser University

This interdisciplinary workshop brings together mathematicians, physicists, and computer scientists to explore the mathematical foundations of quantum computing. The meeting aims to foster new collaborations around interconnected themes.

[2026 PIMS Open House: Meet the Directors](#)

 September 16, 2026  Online

 12:00 PM Pacific | 1:00 PM Mountain | 3:00 PM Eastern

Join the annual PIMS Open House to learn about current and upcoming scientific and educational funding opportunities across the PIMS network. Meet members of the PIMS Directorate, hear about programs that support mathematical sciences research, and discover opportunities for collaboration, funding, and community engagement. Researchers and colleagues are warmly invited to attend. [Please share with others who would benefit from learning more about PIMS.](#)

[PIMS Network-Wide Colloquium: Gigliola Staffilani](#)

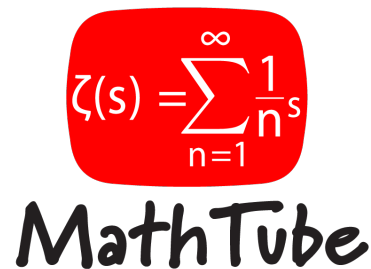
 September 24, 2026 |  Online

The first PIMS Network-Wide Colloquium of the academic year features Gigliola Staffilani, Abby Rockefeller Mauze Professor of Mathematics at MIT, presenting *The Study of Wave Turbulence: A Meeting Ground for Mathematical Techniques*. Staffilani will explore the mathematics behind wave interactions—from gravitational waves and ocean ripples to quantum particles—and the interdisciplinary techniques being developed to understand these complex phenomena. [Be sure to register](#) and join us for the start of this year's Network-Wide Colloquium series.

MEDIA

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global partnerships.

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