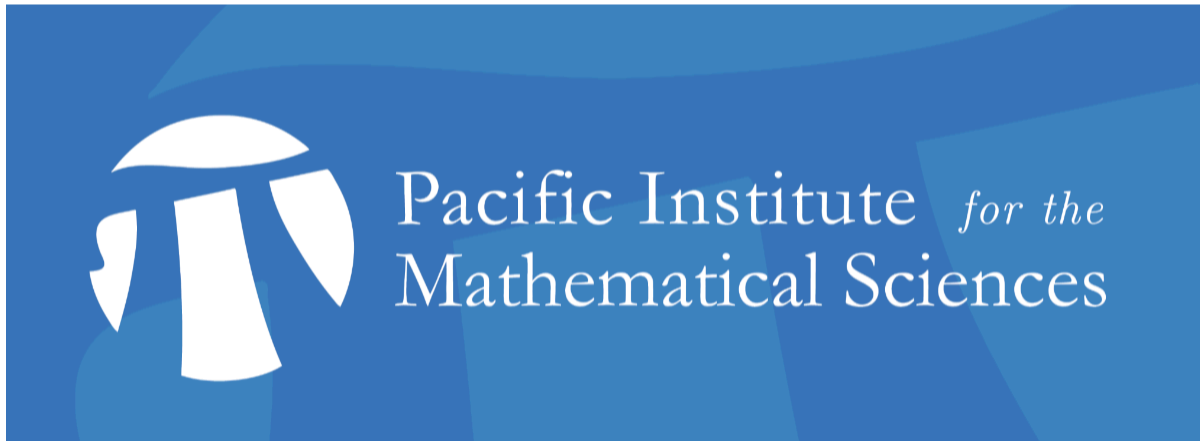


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PIMS MONTHLY CONNECTION | February 2026

Welcome to the February edition of the PIMS Connection — showcasing events and initiatives that reflect PIMS's ongoing commitment to research, innovation, and collaboration in the mathematical sciences.

Upcoming Deadlines Across the Network:

- **Open Call:** [2026 PIMS Education Prize](#)
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- **Registration Open:** [Sage Days Western Canada 2026: Rocky Mountains](#)
- **Registration Open:** [Summer School on Homotopy Colimits](#)
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PIMS NETWORK DEADLINES

[Open Call: 2026 PIMS Education Prize](#)

Deadline: March 14, 2026. Each year, the Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences (PIMS) invites nominations for the \$1,000 PIMS Education Prize, which recognizes individuals or groups

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institutions, and are recognized for enhancing public awareness, appreciation, and communication around mathematics at all levels. Nominations require a cover letter, supporting letters, CVs, and a summary of accomplishments, with optional work samples; recent past nominations are automatically reconsidered [...]

[Registration Open: Alberta Mathematics Dialogue \(AMD\) 2026](#)

Deadline: Ongoing. The Alberta Math Dialogue (AMD) (May 7th - 8th) is an annual gathering of Alberta mathematicians—bringing together students, researchers, educators, and high school teachers—that returns to MacEwan University in Edmonton for the third time. Founded in 2001, AMD uniquely blends high-level mathematical research with deep conversations about post-secondary education, equity, diversity, and inclusion. The two-day, no-fee conference features plenary talks, research sessions, student and poster sessions, and discussions on education, industry, and underrepresented groups, with an optional banquet on May 7th (ticketed separately). Learn more about the program and registration details [...]

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

Deadline: March 13, 2026. Sage Days Western Canada 2026: Rocky Mountains will be held June 7th-12th, 2026 at Barrier Lake Station in Kananaskis, Alberta. Organized by the Sage community, this event welcomes everyone, from complete beginners to experienced developers, to learn SageMath, contribute to its development, and engage in discussions about the project's technical and governance directions. Sessions range from installing SageMath and learning GitHub basics to collaborative development sprints, with limited funding available for student and postdoc accommodations and meals. Read more about activities and participation [...]

[Registration Open: Summer School on Homotopy Colimits](#)

Deadline: February 6, 2026. Homotopy limits and colimits are a central tool in homotopy theory, with wide-ranging applications across topology, geometry, and algebra, and this event is designed for graduate students, postdocs, and early-career researchers eager to deepen their understanding. The program features five mini-courses covering classical and modern perspectives, including model categories, ∞ -categories, equivariant homotopy theory, functor

[Registration Open: PIMS-BIRS Team Up! Program](#)

Deadline: April 15, 2026. Applications are now open for the 2026–2027 PIMS–BIRS Team Up! program, which supports in-person collaboration for teams of mathematical scientists whose research has been impacted by factors such as caregiving responsibilities, professional isolation, or limited institutional resources. The program aims to support women, gender-expansive and minoritized researchers, Indigenous scholars, individuals with visible or invisible challenges, and early-career researchers, though it is open to others as well. Teams receive lodging, meals, meeting space, and administrative support at a BIRS site, along with travel reimbursement and, where needed, support for accompanying children or caregivers [...]

FEATURE EVENTS



[Canada-France-Chile Ocean Research Connections Workshop](#)

Dates: February 10 - 15, 2026

Location: University of British Columbia / Online

Details: Following the successful 2024 France–Western Canada workshop on ocean and polar science hosted by CNRS at PIMS (UBC), momentum has grown toward a broader international collaboration among France, Canada, and Chile focused on Pacific, Arctic, and Antarctic ocean research. Building on this foundation, the 2026 Canada–France–Chile Ocean Research Connections Workshop will bring together oceanographers, marine ecologists, and mathematical and data scientists to develop a shared vision for augmented, community-based ocean observing and experimental systems across the eastern Pacific Rim, with the goal of strengthening partnerships, aligning research priorities, and catalyzing joint projects and major funding proposals [...]

[2025/2026 PIMS Postdoctoral Fellow Seminar Series](#)

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- **February 11:** Alice Lacaze-Masmonteil (University of Regina)
- **February 25:** Daniyar Omarov (University of Alberta)

Online at 1:30 PM PT / 2:30 PM MT / 3:30 PM CT.

[PIMS Network-Wide Colloquium: Helen Byrne](#)

Date & Time: February 12, 2026 at 1:30 PM Pacific Time

Location: Online. [Registration is required to attend the colloquium](#)

Details: Helen Byrne is a Professor of Mathematical Biology at the University of Oxford with over 25 years of experience developing mathematical models of biomedical systems. A pioneer in mathematical oncology, her work on multiscale models of tumour growth and angiogenesis has helped define the field, and her contributions have been recognized with major international honours [...]

[PIMS-UNBC Distinguished Colloquium: Steven Rayan](#)

Date & Time: February 23, 2026 at 3:30 PM Pacific Time

Location: NHSC 9-200 / Online. [For virtual participation fill in this form](#)

Details: Steven Rayan is a Professor of Mathematics at the University of Saskatchewan and an algebraic geometer and quantum scientist. He leads USask's Quantum Innovation Signature Area of Research and is the founding director of the Centre for Quantum Topology and Its Applications, with research spanning pure mathematics, quantum materials, and quantum computing. His work has received international recognition including features in Scientific American. He has been inducted into the College [...]

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