

Instructions: Template for a Letter of Intent (LOI) for the Gene Golub SIAM Summer School (G²S³)

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Your letter of intent (LOI) should be up to eight pages long, including up to one page for references, using a 12-point font. Please follow the format of this template as closely as possible. At this stage, do not include: CVs of organizers, letters of support from institutions or individuals, and any other material of this type. A small number of LOIs will be invited to submit a full proposal, at which point there will be an opportunity to provide additional details and material.

Do not leave the preparation of your LOI to the last minute: obtaining consent from prospective lecturers (see Section 6.1) and having a good sense of your resources will increase the prospects of your proposal, and may take some time to figure out.

Consult the Call for Proposals for contact information, dates, deadlines, and other information. For questions or informal inquiries, please contact the G²S³ committee chair.

A blank LaTeX template is available here:
http://www.siam.org/students/g2s3/LOI_template.tex

1 Title

State the title of the summer school. If your LOI is a re-submitted and/or revised version of a previously submitted LOI, state it here and include the title and year of the previous submission.

2 Organizers

Include the names of the organizers, their affiliations and webpages, and their previous experiences as organizers (if any). Do not include CVs or any other information. Provide the name and email address of a designated contact organizer for communication about the LOI.

3 Scientific Abstract

Provide information on the scientific content of the proposed summer school, the importance and timeliness of its themes, how it aligns with the spirit and goals of the G²S³, and any other details, making a case for your proposal. Describe key mathematical and computational components of the summer school, and explain how the proposed courses complement each other and how they are designed to accomplish the learning goals. Please keep this section up to approximately two pages long, not including references. References may be included at the end of the document.

4 Dates and Venue

State the venue and the planned dates of the proposed summer school. State whether any steps have been taken to secure the venue. It is strongly recommended to take steps ahead of submitting your LOI to secure the venue. An ideal venue would be a place where students and lecturers are housed together, have their

meals together, and where appropriate classrooms and computing facilities are available. Other types of venues will be considered as well, but an effort should be made to encourage strong interactions among the students, and between students and lecturers and organizers. Make clear in this section how your proposal fulfills these expectations.

5 Intended Audience and Diversity

State briefly what the intended audience is, i.e., beginning, intermediate or advanced students, and what background and computational skills are required (if any). Describe what steps you will be taking to ensure the diversity and inclusion of under-represented groups in your summer school. Provide details on selection criteria and qualifications for student applicants.

6 Courses and Lecturers

Provide relevant details on the proposed courses and the format of the schedule. We strongly recommend to avoid adopting a format of lectures only without hands-on activities; keep in mind that this is a summer school, not a conference or a workshop.

6.1 Tentative Titles of Courses and Names and Affiliations of Lecturers

State the tentative titles of the courses that will be offered throughout the summer school. Provide names, affiliations and webpages of the lecturers, and state whether they have been contacted and have confirmed their planned participation. **Note:** We strongly recommend contacting prospective candidates for lecturers and getting a clear sense from them on the prospects of their participation.

6.2 Labs, Software, Hardware, Tutorials, Other Supplements

Provide brief information on the use of computer facilities, software, hardware, tutorials, and any accessories that will be used throughout the summer school.

6.3 Tentative Schedule

Provide a tentative day-by-day schedule of activities; you may choose to do so in the form of a table.

7 Budget and Funding

Please see the *Call for Proposals* for the award amount: http://www.siam.org/students/g2s3/summer_call.php. Most of the funds should be used to support students' attendance of the school. The school should cover all expenses for the invited lecturers including lodging, meals, travel expenses, and honoraria (SIAM recommends an honorarium of \$1500 per week per lecturer). The summer school should also cover lodging, meals, and partial travel expenses for all students, and fully cover the expenses of students with no other funding sources. No registration fee shall be charged to the students. Organizers are encouraged to explore other sources of supplementary funding, to guarantee that the school can cover all expenses.

Provide a preliminary budget and include plans for soliciting additional sources of funding, and whether these funds have been awarded, promised, or are expected. Do not include letters of confirmation from external funding resources at this point. If the research topic that your proposal falls into typically has a high level of alternative funding opportunities available, justify the need for funds provided by SIAM for running G²S³.

8 Additional Information

Include here any additional information that does not fit anywhere else in your LOI.