JUDGING FOR MOODY’S MEGA MATH (M³) CHALLENGE

Are you interested in judging papers for the M³ Challenge?

Triage judging, which typically takes place during 8–12 days in early- to mid-March, requires a commitment of no more than 14 hours within that time frame. Judges work remotely using an internet-based platform to score papers at their convenience. If you have a strong background in modeling and a Master’s degree or higher in a STEM field, we are interested in hearing from you.

Synopsis of the judge work:

Fully committed* judges who participate in M³ are emailed credentials to use the online judge system at the start of triage time. Judges review orientation materials, read and score papers, and submit scores and comments.

Judges work in (online) groups of five or more individuals with one lead judge (last year 242 judges worked in 22 groups). The online judging platform allows groups to be comprised of people in one region or spread out across the country.

Judges read a maximum of 40 papers, at an average of about 20 minutes per paper, so that each judge’s total work should not exceed 14 hours. Papers are limited to 20 pages. Judges receive an honorarium of $500 their first year and $525 in subsequent years, plus the satisfaction of knowing that they are contributing to STEM education and student enthusiasm for mathematical modeling in U.S. high schools.

Potential judges are encouraged to email their contact information and credentials for judging to M3Challenge@siam.org.

*A firm commitment is essential to the success of the competition, as it is problematic to remove a judge once the “reads” are assigned within the system.