

AMS Open Science and Data Help Desk

Volunteer Guidelines

Thank you very much for volunteering to take part in the [Open Science & Data Help Desk](#) at AMS2024, to be hosted during the [American Meteorological Society \(AMS\) Annual Meeting](#)! Please read the guidelines and tips below in their entirety. Contact schuster@ucar.edu with questions.

Tell others about the Open Science and Data Help Desk

We need your help to tell others about the Data Help Desk starting now through the end of the event. Please share via:

- **Email:** [Here](#) is some text you can share about the event.
- Recruit colleagues to stop by the desk when you're staffing or showcasing a resource at the help desk (e.g. flash mob to draw others in), and bring swag to hand out if possible.

Answer Questions

Between Jan 29 and Feb, you can answer data and software-related questions at our in-person Open Science & Data Help Desk venue at the AMS booth, [booth 350](#) in the Exhibit Hall. At the desk, you'll have a seat and we will have reliable internet access in case you would like to bring your laptop to share any resources on it. You'll answer and/or record any researcher questions. A lot of times, you may be asked "What is the Open Science and Data Help Desk?" and, upon answering, you'll be able to mention specifically what you can help with. Here are some example "[Conversation-Starter questions](#)" for Open Science and Data Help Desk volunteers. A number of resources are available on the [virtual help desk web page](#) that can assist in answering questions such as "[where do I deposit my dataset?](#)", and "[what tools can I use to analyze a dataset of this format type?](#)" If there's a question that you can't answer, feel free to enter it into the "[Online Ask a Question Form](#)".

Showcase a Resource

Do you have an open science, data or software resource that you'd like to showcase to the AMS community? Volunteer to showcase a resource at the Help Desk. For showcases, we don't expect a formal presentation, but it would be good to either have a few slides available that can describe your resource and can rotate and/or a web based resource that you can present to interested parties. A large monitor will be provided to support resource showcases.

We highly recommend that you join #datahelpdesk-experts Slack Channel within the ESIP Slack workspace. If you are not a member of the ESIP Slack Channel, contact megancarter@esipfed.org to get an invite. Then, find and join the #datahelpdesk-experts channel. This will be a place for backchannel conversation amongst experts and will be a place for experts who are not as comfortable with Twitter to monitor questions and provide their input that the organizers will then make sure gets back to those who originally asked the question.

Code of Conduct

Participating in this event, which is part of AMS2024, implies that you agree to adhere to [AMS's Meetings Code of Conduct](#), as well as [ESIP's Community Participation Guidelines](#).