

CARER RESOURCE & GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR RULES & REGULATIONS



EVENT DATES: 11-12 January 2025

CONFERENCE FACILITY: Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
900 Convention Center Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70130

The following provisions are incorporated by reference in the Application & Contract for Career Resource & Graduate School Fair (Career Fair) space and become binding between the applicant, his/her employees, and agents; and the American Meteorological Society (AMS) upon acceptance of the Contract. The decisions of AMS shall in all instances be final with regard to the use of any Career Fair space.

1. LOCATION, DATES, SCHEDULE

The AMS Career Resource and Graduate School Fair schedule is as follows:

Move-In*

Sat, 11 January 2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. (all tables must be set by 5:00 p.m. or the table will be removed from the floor and event)

Event Hours*

Sat, 11 January 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (Student Conference Attendees only)

Sun, 12 January 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (Open to all AMS Attendees)

Move Out*

Sun, 12 January 8:30–9:30 p.m.

All materials must be removed from the Career Fair exhibit space between 8:30 PM - 9:30 p.m. on Sun, 12 Jan. 2025.

**All show hours listed above are considered tentative. The hours will be published as final once the technical programs are finalized for the Annual Meeting. When registering your organization for this event, you are agreeing to participation for the full event (both days).*

2. PAYMENT, EXECUTION OF CONTRACT, CANCELLATION

A. Payment: Full payment is due within 30 days of the accepted Application/Contract by AMS. A check payable to AMS, bank wire transfers, purchase orders, Company Checks, MasterCard, VISA and AmericanExpress are accepted. Career Fair Exhibitors may not occupy assigned space until all monies due AMS are paid-in-full. Failure to remit payment in full within 30 days, may result in cancellation of career fair space.

B. Execution of contract: The Application & Contract for Career Fair Space is not valid until approved by AMS. Confirmation of approval will be sent via email.

C. Cancellation: In the event an exhibitor cancels all or part of their exhibit space contracted, the exhibitor must do so in writing and will be obligated to pay AMS fees based on the schedule below. AMS reserves the right to re-lease space vacated upon notice of cancellation with no obligation. Before 1 November 2024 50% table fees due

1 November 2024– 3 January 2025: 100% table fees due

Exhibitor's failure to occupy or be present in its exhibit shall not relieve the Exhibitor of the obligation of paying the total contracted charges. **D. Force Majeure:** Neither party shall be held responsible for delays or non-performance caused by activities or factors beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation, war, weather, pandemics, strikes, lockouts, fires, acts of God, or terrorism or similar occurrence ("force majeure event"). If the Event is cancelled on account of a force majeure event, Exhibitor shall be entitled to a refund of any fees paid to AMS hereunder. Transition to an online or virtual platform shall not be deemed to be cancellation of the Event. AMS in its sole discretion may transition the Event to a virtual event for health or safety considerations, in which case this Agreement (including without limitation fees and refund policy) shall continue in full force.

3. CAREER FAIR STANDARDS

A. General:

1. All career fair exhibits shall be germane to the industry and of interest or of educational value to the profession. 2. A standard table set is a 6ft draped table with 2 chairs. This also includes a listing on the AMS website and overnight security. 3. Products of firms not exhibiting may not be displayed or advertised in any exhibit area or elsewhere in the Baltimore Convention Center when, in the discretion of AMS, such products are competitive with the products of exhibiting firms. Complaints registered under this section must be made in writing to AMS.

B. Arrangement of Career Fair Exhibits:

1. Floor displays are not allowed in the hall where the Career Fair is being held. **Table top displays may not be taller than 3' high.** Displays exceeding this limit will need to be removed.

2. Sound Amplifying, Reproducing Equipment Exhibitors are required to operate such equipment in such a manner that a maximum 85 dB reading on the "A" scale of a sound level meter may be read at the aisle(s) space adjacent to their booth or measured at a neighboring booth in an area bordering that of the sound equipment user. Equipment or machinery producing excessive vibration of floor area may be subject to limited operation or elimination if in the judgment of AMS Show Management it interferes with neighboring exhibits.

3. AMS Show Management shall be the sole arbiter of acceptability of arrangements of exhibits including and without limitations to sound & lighting levels and exhibit operations. AMS may require reduction or elimination of sound or lighting level reproducing devices and rearrangement of exhibits in those instances where in violation of these standards or otherwise objectionable aspects of exhibits. AMS may, at the exhibitor's expense, direct revisions of any exhibit that does not comply with the above Guidelines. Exhibits/Displays not conforming to these standards or which in design, operation or otherwise are objectionable, in the opinion of AMS, will be prohibited. AMS reserves the right to make such modifications and change exhibit booth space assignments as may be necessary to adjust each floor plan at any time to meet the needs of sponsors, exhibitors, and exhibits.

5. TABLE STAFFING

A. General: Career Fair Exhibitors shall reflect their company's highest standards of professionalism while maintaining the booth during career fair

hours. The booth must be staffed by at least one company representative at all times during career fair hours.

All employees, representatives, and agents representing the exhibitor must be fully identified by the official AMS Career Fair badge. All Career Fair Exhibit Staff should be pre-registered on-line. Career Fair Exhibitors are allotted 4 booth staff badges at no charge when registered using the online Service Site. Exhibitors can pick up their pre-registered Booth Staff badges on-site at the check-in kiosks in the Baltimore Convention Center.

B. Admittance to the Career Fair area during Non-Show Hours: Career Fair Table Staff (with official event badges only) will be allowed access to the event area during move-in/move-out and show hours listed above. In addition, Career Fair staff will be allowed access to the area one hour before event start time on Sunday. Badges may be obtained from the check-in kiosks. Registration will be done through our online system and no onsite registration will be available.

Please note Career Fair Table Staff badges are valid for this event only. If you wish to attend any technical sessions (Student Conference, Short Courses, Annual Meeting Sessions) you must register separately through attendee registration.

6. HEALTH AND WELLNESS

We are committed to ensuring that the 105th Annual Meeting allows you to share your products, services, technology and research and connect with attendees in a protective and valuable way. We encourage you to visit the 105th AMS Annual Meeting website often to stay up to date on the latest news and guidelines for participation.

7. ERNEST N. MORIAL CONVENTION CENTER

1. No signs, banners, decorations, stickers, or materials of any nature are to be taped, tacked, screwed, secured, fastened, or anchored to any building part, wall, pillar, door, or window. Adhesive-backed decals (stick-on) or similar items (except name-tags) may not be distributed or used in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.
2. Exhibits or displays, equipment, stock or supplies will not be allowed to enter or leave by way of the front entrances of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.
3. No outside food or beverage is allowed inside the facility. Catering arrangements can be made through the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center's official caterer, Centerplate (see exhibitor kit).
4. Holes may not be drilled, cored or punched into any surfaces of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.
5. Painting signs, exhibits, or other objects is not permitted in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.
6. When loading and unloading items, exhibitors must enter and exit through loading docks only. No carts, cases, or boxes will be allowed through public entrance doors.

8. DRONES, REMOTE PILOT AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (RPAS), UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAVs) Drones, RPAS, and UAVs can be used as a stationary display only. They can not be piloted at any time while on the exhibit floor or in the Baltimore Convention Center.

9. LIABILITY

To the extent allowed by law, the Exhibitor agrees to protect, and save, and hold the AMS, and all employees, officers, agents, and members thereof (hereinafter collectively called indemnitees) forever harmless for any damages or charges imposed for violations of any law or ordinance (including ADA), whether occasioned by the negligence of the exhibitors or those holding under the exhibitor, and further, to the extent allowed by law, the exhibitor shall at all times protect, indemnify, save and hold harmless the indemnitees against and from any and all losses, costs, damages, liability, or expenses (including attorney's fees, if so awarded by a court of competent jurisdiction) arising from or out of or by reason of any accident or bodily injury or other occurrences to any person or persons or property damage, including the exhibitor, its agents, employees and business invites which arises from or out of or by reason of said exhibitor's occupancy and use of the Exhibition premises, the Convention Center or any part thereof.

The American Meteorological Society will not be responsible for any theft, loss, or damage to property, or for personal injury that may occur prior to, during, or subsequent to the period covered by the terms of the application for exhibit. The exhibitor expressly releases the American Meteorological Society from liability and to the extent allowed by law, agrees to indemnify the same against any and all claims such as loss, damage or injury.

Questions or concerns regarding any of this information should be directed to: exhibits@ametsoc.org.