

Learning with Zoom:

Breakout Rooms



What are breakout rooms?

Breakout Rooms allow participants to meet in smaller groups within the main Zoom meeting. McGill instructors may use this feature to assign students into groups for a short period of time so that they can hold a discussion. To learn about how to create and manage Breakout Rooms in your own meetings, consult the [Managing Breakout Rooms](#) resource article from the Zoom Help Center.

How do I **join** a breakout room?

When the host (e.g., instructor or TA) initiates the Breakout Rooms, you'll get a notification inviting you to join your Breakout Room.



Click the Join Breakout Room pop-up notification to enter.

How do I **leave** a breakout room?

When the host ends the Breakout Rooms, you'll get a notification to either return to the main meeting immediately or after 60 seconds.



Click Leave Breakout Room to return to the main meeting.

Join Breakout Room

Host is inviting you to join Room 1

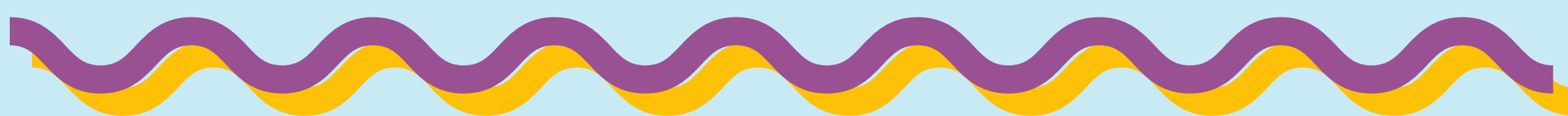
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Join

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Breakout rooms will close in 24 seconds
You will automatically return to the main session after breakout rooms close.

Leave Breakout Room



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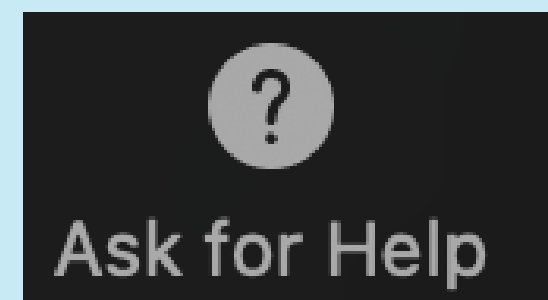
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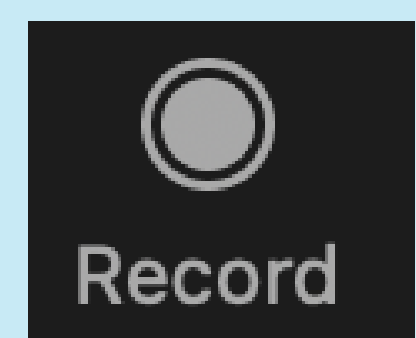
What can I do in a Breakout Room?

While in your Break Room and collaborating with your peers on the task the instructor has assigned your group, you've got access to the same controls as the main meeting. For example, unmuting yourself, enabling your video, chatting, reaction buttons, etc.

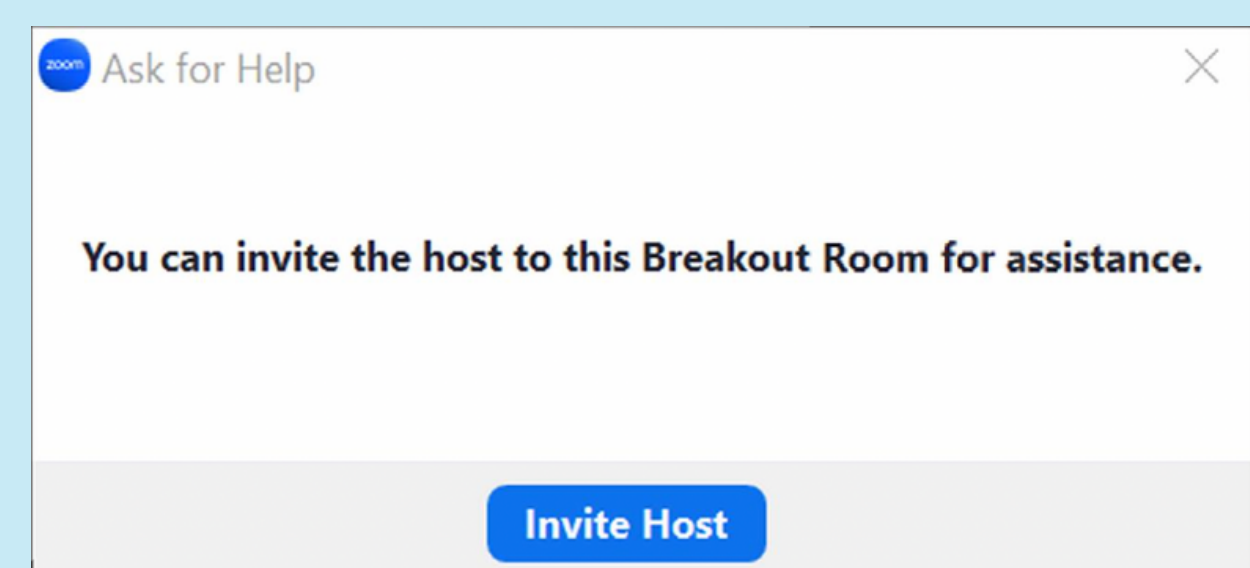
If you have questions or need assistance from your instructor (the meeting host), you can invite the host into your Breakout Room by clicking the **Ask for Help** button.



If the host has recording enabled and has given you permission to record, then you can record your Breakout Room by clicking the **Record** button in your meeting controls.



If the host activates the "self-select" feature, you can choose your own breakout room. You do this by clicking the **Breakout Rooms** option on your meeting controls, which will display a list of rooms created by the host. Click **Join** next to the next room you would like to join. To move rooms, you can do the same, or click **Leave Room** to return to the main session. You must have version 5.3.0 or higher to use this feature.



Links and further resources:

- [Participating in Breakout Rooms](#)
- [Attendee Meeting Controls](#)
- [Managing Breakout Rooms](#)

To learn more about participating in Breakout Rooms, including how to join and participate from your mobile device, consult the [Participating in Breakout Rooms](#) resource article from the Help Center.



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