Call for presentations at the Oct 20th, 2-7 pm at Light Hall 208

Neuroscience Extravaganza!

Limited number of slots available – sign up to guarantee yours!

Talk ‘Til Three
Can you deliver a scientific message in just three minutes?

This is a competition for the best three-minute scientific presentation. “Best” is a loosely defined term: it includes most engaging, most informative, most creative, best delivered and any other good things you can think of. SIGN UP to compete by emailing suzana.herculano@vanderbilt.edu. ALL undergraduate students, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows are welcome to compete.

DO MEMORIZE YOUR TALK. A gong (yes, a gong) WILL sound at the three-minute mark, and that WILL be the end of your presentation. There’s no time for improvisation or aaahns or hmmmms. PRACTICE makes perfect.

THINK OF YOUR MESSAGE. What do you want your audience to remember from your talk? What do you need to make sure that they know so that you can deliver your content? Three minutes is plenty of time to say (1) what the issue is, (2) why it is important/interesting/both, (3) what particular QUESTION you addressed, (4) how you addressed it, (5) what you found, (6) what that means, (7) why that is important and possibly (8) what new questions come next.

PREPARE a Keynote or Powerpoint file and email it to suzana.herculano@vanderbilt.edu NO LATER than Oct 18th. For the session to run smoothly, all presentations will be preloaded and run off the same computer.

Your talk will NOT have a title, so do NOT waste your precious time introducing yourself or saying the title of your presentation. I will introduce you, and your name will appear on the screen before you start. Just START HOT: jump right in with a question, a remarkable statement, a puzzle, anything to grab your audience’s attention.

Sing Your Science!
You can give a talk, sure – but can you say it with music? This is Nashville, after all!

The stage will be yours to deliver your science in a musical format. Write new lyrics to your favorite song, change the lyrics of a popular song to make it “brainy”, do a group act, write your own song – anything goes, as long as there is music involved in your performance! BEST SONG and BEST PERFORMANCE will win PRIZES!

Submit your song title and lyrics by email to suzana.herculano@vanderbilt.edu NO LATER than Oct 18th so that all lyrics can be projected on the screen for the crowd to sing along (you DO want that, don’t you?). An electric guitar, an acoustic nylon string guitar, keyboard, mixer and microphones will be available. You are welcome to bring your own instruments, but inform us ahead of time so that we can accommodate your needs. ALL are welcome to sign up, faculty and staff included!