



## BMI-Partners Annual PhD Students Neuroscience Symposium

As part of its effort to promote and enhance collaboration with its strategic partners (<http://sv.epfl.ch/BMI-partners>), the BMI is organizing an annual PhD students' symposium that will bring together PhD students from the BMI and its strategic partnering institutions. The symposium aims to provide the students with a forum to share their work, exchange ideas, explore collaborations, expand their network and discuss career and scientific topics of mutual interest.

### Duration

The conference will take place over a period of two days in a relaxed and friendly setting designed to foster effective exchange of knowledge, ideas and experiences among the students while they broaden their perspectives and explore the scientific frontiers and career opportunities in neuroscience and brain research.

### Organization

The annual PhD conference is to be organized exclusively by PhD students with support and guidance from the faculty.

### Organizing committee

The organizing committee consists PhD students from the BMI and each partnering institution. Each institution will nominate 1 faculty and 2 PhD students representatives who will also serve as members of the conference organizing committee.

The BMI will provide overall oversight of the organization and provide all the necessary logistic support for the conference in close coordination with the faculty representatives of all participating institutions.

### Who can participate?

The conference is open to all the PhD students working in the fields of neuroscience and brain research from the BMI and the BMI partner institutions.

Selection of the participants for the oral presentation will be made at the level of the institution, whereas poster presentations will be open to all students interested in participating in the conference.

To maintain an interactive and friendly environment the number of participants will be limited to 30-40 + 5-6 faculty.

### Program structure

- Welcoming dinner and conference icebreakers
- Lectures by two invited plenary speakers
- Scientific sessions (4)
- Poster sessions (2)
- Group work
- Discussion sessions on topic defined by the students' committee
- Social activities
- Visit to EPFL and BMI laboratories

The BMI annual report will be distributed to all the students with the symposium program and the opportunity to visit specific labs or meet with specific professors will be extended to all participants.

### Why you should attend?

- Meet other students in neuroscience
- Practice your presentation skills in a collegial and friendly environment
- Receive valuable feedback from fellow students and faculty
- Explore collaboration and future training opportunities
- Expand your personal and professional network



### **Travel grants**

Limited number of travel grants will be made available to students.

### **After the conference:**

Our goal is to create a network and provide a platform that will allow the students to continue to support each other, work together and share their work and experiences amongst themselves and with future neuroscience students from our institutions. To achieve these goals, dedicated BMI-Partners student network Facebook and LinkedIn pages will be established to support the students and enable them to remain in touch after the conference.

Students that end up participating in collaborations that born out of their interactions during conference will receive a special invitation to participate and present their work in next year's conference.

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