

Flash Talks – Current Grantees (Cohorts 2020-2022)

Taking into consideration the feedback we received from Retreat surveys and valuable insights from the Retreat planning committees, we are making changes to the format for this year's scientific presentations. Starting in 2024, current grantees in the second, third, and fourth years of their funding cycle will be delivering flash talks. These talks will focus primarily on the core objectives of your research project, highlighting key findings in a concise manner. The primary objective is to pique the audience's interest in your research to allow for continuing conversation at your poster presentation. When structuring your talk, please keep in mind that the audience represents diverse fields and may not have expertise in your area of research.

Poster Presentation

The poster template is attached to this email or can be uploaded from the Sontag Foundation website under the DSA tab/2024 Scientific Retreat. We recommend using this template so that the posters are uniform when displaying for both the lay and scientific audience.

- Email to Shandra (skoler@sontagfoundation.org) by Monday, 1/15/24. The Foundation will be printing all posters.

Flash talk presentation

- Your presentation should not exceed 3 minutes.
- Cohort 2020: Briefly describe your Sontag project; overview of key findings; publications/patents; follow-on funding; and future goals for research/lab.
- Cohort 2021 and 2022: Briefly describe your Sontag project; overview of any key findings; publications/patents; and follow on funding.
- The link below is an example of the format that inspired us. Aparna Bhaduri, Ph.D., DSA '22, performed this talk when she was a postdoc at UCSF, winning her 2nd place. Her talk is at 35:40 (2nd place), the winning talk was at 50:25, and the third place was at 45:20.
<https://lecture.ucsf.edu/ets/Play/c0b2203b48ae46059a8ff0cc5dd2328a1d>

Slides

- We suggest showing no more than three slides.
- Format: 16:9 widescreen format.
- Send your slides to Shandra Koler by 2/2/24. Your slides will be shared with the AV team the week of 2/5/24.

Upon your arrival to the Ritz-Carlton

- If you choose to bring your slides with you to the Retreat, you will need to meet the AV team in Plaza 1 & 2 on Monday, 2/12 between 3:00pm-4:45pm.

On the day of your flash talk

- Talks will be done on the Tuesday of the Retreat, 2/13. We will reserve your seating near the front of the stage.
- When it's your turn, state your name, institution, and present your slides.

- The session moderators have been instructed to strictly enforce time management.
- Once you're done, pass the microphone to the next presenter.
- Once all members of your cohort have presented, attendees will be guided to the Plaza Foyer for poster presentations (30 minutes for poster presentations).