BEST @ Cornell

Events for March 2018

Commercialization Fellowship - Info session | 3/6/18 5:00-6:00 PM
Technology Entrepreneurship at Cornell (TEC) invites you to attend this information session. The Commercialization Fellowship is an opportunity for Ph.D. students in Cornell Engineering to take a deep dive into the commercialization process. The fellowship is funded and lasts six months.
Location: 116 Upson Hall

Opportunities for Public Communication of Science | 3/9/18 4:30-6:00 PM
Please register to attend this panel discussion to hear from Cornell panelists with outstanding communication efforts in the community and beyond.
Location: 143 Plant Sciences

Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition | 3/21/18 4:30 PM
Develop and showcase your research communication skills by competing in the Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition for graduate students. Cornell’s 4th annual competition will be held on March 21st. All research students (masters and doctoral) are invited to participate in this event. 1st place prize includes $1,500, and 2nd place includes $1,000.
Location: G10 Biotech

Personal Success Stories

Putting a specific “face” to a vague career path: Celine Cammarata knew that there were many different career paths for PhDs that didn’t involve becoming a professor. She had a general sense that she wanted to pursue a career in science policy, but just wasn’t sure what specific kind of science policy path she might take. “It’s easy to throw around vague terms, like you’re interested in ‘science policy,” but it’s much harder to get a concrete sense of what specific jobs that could entail.” She knew she did not want to get to the end of her graduate studies and find herself saying, “now what?” So, she joined the BEST program and spent about a year and a half exploring her options. “What are the possibilities? Is this really the specific thing I want to do?” In a way, it was like sampling the varieties of apple in an orchard trying to figure out which one was the best choice. Because “…the BEST program has been very helpful in finding specific examples of careers within that vague ‘policy’ umbrella,…” she considers herself to be more in a “pruning stage” in which she is crafting her professional future by taking all that information she has accumulated and is pruning it to fit her specific interests and needs. “The BEST program has provided me with tangible support as I’ve tried to put a face on that specific someone I will become post-PhD.”

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