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## The SfN Neuroscience Wikipedia Initiative Content Facilitator Guide

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### **1. Volunteering as a Content Facilitator for SfN's Neuroscience Wikipedia Initiative**

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It is SfN's goal to improve the content on the main Wikipedia Neuroscience pages by encouraging members to contribute to the development and editing of these pages. Please refer to the SfN [Contributor Guide](#) which outlines how to edit and contribute content and provides background on Wikipedia.

This Facilitator Guide provides information on roles and responsibilities for content facilitators. In addition, it provides guidance on signing up as a content facilitator and selecting a content branch, and includes a description of the SfN Wikipedia discussion forum for facilitators.

SfN members who have experience working with Wikipedia or similar sites and have interest in providing support to others are encouraged to volunteer as a content facilitator. Each facilitator is asked to select one main branch area. These include the 10 current branches as well as "History of Neuroscience" and the main neuroscience overview section. Content facilitators should have expertise in the selected area as well as experience editing and contributing content to sites, such as Wikipedia, that present science information to the public. Content branch facilitators must select **one** of the 10 content branches or 2 topic areas listed below:

- Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience
- Behavioral Neuroscience
- Systems Neuroscience
- Developmental Neuroscience
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Theoretical and Computational Neuroscience
- Diseases and Aging
- Neural Engineering
- Neurolinguistics
- Neuroscience Studies
- History of Neuroscience
- Main Neuroscience Overview section

Content facilitators should be willing to volunteer over a one-year period extending through June 2010. In this role, they will work with other facilitators and contributors at large to coordinate the overall development of the content for their branch area. Names of facilitators will be posted in the **Content Facilitator Directory** on the SfN Web site. As such, facilitators are serving as a source of guidance to SfN members who are contributing or wish to contribute content to the site and desire input from an expert who is monitoring the development of a particular branch area. Content facilitators should encourage the use of standard terminologies and content outlines, where appropriate.

Each branch area will have multiple content facilitators. Communication among facilitators within branch areas is encouraged. SfN is hosting a discussion forum for content facilitators in order to support interaction.

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## **2. Getting Started: Register and Select a Content Branch**

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All SfN members are eligible to volunteer. Begin by [signing in](#).

- Your SfN account information will be displayed. Check it for accuracy.
- Select the content area in which you are interested.
- Review the agreement statement describing the scope of a facilitator.
- Submit your request.
- Your name will then appear in the Content Facilitator Directory.
- You may edit your content area selection or withdraw as a content facilitator at any time by re-visiting the sign-in page.

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## **3. Content Facilitator Directory**

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A Content Facilitator Directory is available on the SfN Web site. SfN members wishing to contribute to the Neuroscience Wikipedia Initiative may seek out facilitators to initiate a discussion or pose questions about content. All volunteer content facilitators will be listed in the directory, which is searchable by name and branch area.

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## **4. SfN Discussion Forum for Content Facilitators**

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Content facilitators can gain access to the discussion forum once they have logged in and selected a content branch. The forum is but one vehicle to encourage communication among facilitators. Discussion threads can be tailored toward specific branch-related topics or focus on larger, over-arching topics.

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## **5. Additional Information**

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The most current information and resources related to the SfN Neuroscience Wikipedia Initiative can be found at: <http://www.sfn.org/Wikipedia>.

The complete SfN [Contributor Guide](#) will serve as a valuable resource for content facilitators as well as other SfN members wishing to get involved in the initiative.