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**Ask Anything Session**

**AAS01: Incorporating Lived Experience in Neuroscience Research: Contexts, Challenges, and Pathways Forward**

**Location:** WCC Rm 156

**Time:** Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Description:** This session brings together Neuroscience Capacity Accelerator for Mental Health (NCAMH)-funded project leaders from low- and middle- income countries, a Lived Experience (LE) expert, and an experienced event moderator to discuss the challenges, needs, and value of integrating LE into neuroscience and mental health research in under-resourced settings. Panelists will share practical lessons, ethical considerations, community engagement strategies, and respond to audience questions.

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**Ask Anything Session**

**AAS02: Publishing and Reviewing as Early Career Researchers: Challenges and Opportunities**

**Location:** WCC Rm 156

**Time:** Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

**Description:** *The Journal of Neuroscience* offers several initiatives and opportunities to support and represent Early Career Researchers (ECRs, e.g., graduate students, postdocs, early independent researchers) in scientific publishing. The ECR Advisory Board and the editor-in-chief of *JNeurosci* invite attendees to ask anything what happens "behind the scenes" during the scientific publishing process and to learn about opportunities to address unique challenges faced by ECRs.

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**Ask Anything Session**

**AAS03: Careers and Funding Pathways in Neuroscience Philanthropy**

**Location:** WCC Rm 156

**Time:** Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**Description:** Philanthropic organizations play an increasingly significant role in advancing neuroscience research and supporting career development, yet many scientists have limited insight into internal processes and decision-making structures. This session offers an interactive forum to discuss professional pathways and research funding opportunities in neuroscience philanthropy while exploring practical strategies for engaging with funders. Ample time for Q&A will be provided.

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**Ask Anything Session**

**AAS04: The Phoenix Path in Neuroscience: Is it Okay to Change Your Scientific Direction?**

**Location:** WCC Rm 156

**Time:** Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Description:** Neuroscience careers are not always linear. In this Ask Anything session, panelists will share experiences of shifting scientific focus, changing models, methods, and questions. Speakers will discuss when and how to rethink your research direction, the advantages and disadvantages of doing so, and what this means for your growth as a neuroscientist.

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