

2025 BE Communication Fellow Application

About the Communication Fellowship:

- Fellows will coach peers, develop workshops, and create innovative content/initiatives to meet BE communication needs
- Fellows receive a hands-on training program throughout the first year on topics such as scientific papers, figure design, and job applications
- Fellows will train with the BE Communication Lab Manager and one another to learn best practices and receive deep feedback on communication and coaching
- Fellows typically contribute 3-5hrs/week toward Comm Lab activities, and have the opportunity of earning up to \$3,000/year
- Graduate Fellows will be also enrolled in the graduate Communication Fellow course, which aims to support and deepen the Fellow experience by adding structure and opportunities for reflection

Eligibility:

- Both domestic and international graduate students are eligible for the Communication Fellowship
- Postdoctoral associates and postdoctoral fellows may be eligible, but must confirm eligibility by consulting their lab advisor, HR administrator, and (if international) the International Scholars Office

Applications are due by **11:59pm EST on Jan 24, 2025.**

Applications will be reviewed by the BE Communication Lab Manager, Dr. Han Xu (hanx@mit.edu)

hanxu0719@gmail.com [Switch account](#)



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* Indicates required question

First Name *

Your answer

Last Name *

Your answer

MIT Email ("kebros@mit.edu") *

Your answer

Please indicate your status below *

- Domestic graduate student
- International graduate student
- Domestic postdoc
- International postdoc

Name of lab advisor *

Your answer

When did you matriculate / come to MIT? (Month/Year) *

Your answer

When do you expect to graduate / leave MIT? (Month/Year) *

Your answer

What other activities are you involved with outside the lab? *

Your answer

We ask that you please discuss this opportunity with your PI as soon as possible, * to make sure that they would support your joining our program if accepted. We cannot accept candidates without PI approval.

Please indicate your PI's approval status at the time of submitting this application.

- PI has approved my potential participation
- Still waiting to hear from my PI about approval

Do you have an NSF GRFP (Graduate Research Fellowship Program) fellowship? If * so, during what period(s) of time do you plan to use your fellowship funding? (e.g., "September 2024-September 2027")

Your answer _____

Describe your communication experience and ideas in the following section

Have you ever had an appointment with the Comm Lab? *

- Yes
- No

What is one communication need you have observed in the department? Describe * the need and at least one related resource/event/project you could imagine implementing to address it. (100-200 words)

Your answer _____

Why are you interested in becoming a Communication Fellow? (300-500 words) *

We are looking to get to know you and your communication style in your response. This is your opportunity to shine!

Please address the following questions:

1. The big one: Why are you interested in becoming a Communication Fellow?
2. What aspect(s) of technical communication are you interested in?
3. What do you think you might contribute to the team?
4. What in your experience recommends you to this position?
5. Anything else you'd like to share?

Enter your essay below.

Your answer

(Optional) Example work:

If you would like to share an example of technical science communication that you are particularly proud of, upload it here to be included with your application.

Alternatively, please email hanx@mit.edu directly with your example work. Use the subject line "[BECL] 2025 Comm Fellow Application Example Work".

Upload 1 supported file. Max 100 MB.

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Postdoc Eligibility (*This section is only required for postdocs*)

If you are a postdoctoral associate or fellow, you must confirm eligibility for the Communication Fellowship with your HR administrator, and (if international) the International Scholars Office. Confirm that there are no conflicts with your research sponsors, postdoctoral fellowship terms, and/or visa terms.

(*Required for all postdocs*) Have you confirmed eligibility with your HR administrator?

- HR has approved my potential participation
- Still waiting to hear from HR about approval

(Required for international postdocs) If you are international, have you confirmed eligibility with the International Scholars Office?

- ISO has approved my potential participation
- Still waiting to hear from ISO about approval

Thank you for your interest in the BE Communication Fellow position!
We will reach out to arrange the next steps of your application soon.

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