2024 ChemE Communication Lab Fellowship Application

The ChemE Communication Lab is looking to recruit a new cohort of fellows to join our team this spring. Are you the go-to person in your lab to restructure a manuscript or critique a presentation? Do you value opportunities to mentor and develop others? If so, bring your skills and love of service to the Comm Lab where you will learn how to coach and train your peers to become more effective communicators and engineers.

About the Communication Fellowship:

- Contribute <5 hours/week
- Earn up to $3,000/year
- Participate in a year-long training series on topics like scientific papers, figure design, and job applications
- Learn best practices in feedback, coaching, and mentorship
- Coach peers 1:1 and develop workshops to address community needs
- Train with the Communication Lab Manager and receive deep feedback on your communication and coaching

[Learn more in our blog post including FAQs.](#)

Applications are due by Tuesday, February 13, 11:59 pm ET. Contact Caitlin Stier at cstier@mit.edu with any questions.

* Indicates required question

1. First name *

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2. Preferred name

   If you prefer to go by a name or nickname other than the name above please include it here.

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3. Last name *

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4. What pronouns do you use?

Check all that apply.

- [ ] She/her
- [ ] He/him
- [ ] They/them
- [ ] Prefer not to answer

- [ ] Other: _____

5. Email address ("kerberos@mit.edu") *

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6. Please indicate your status below *

Mark only one oval.

- ( ) Graduate student   *Skip to question 15*
- ( ) Postdoc   *Skip to question 13*

7. Are you on any fellowships? Please list the funding source(s). *

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8.   Your research areas [check all that apply] *

   Check all that apply.

   ☐ Biomedical and Biotechnology
   ☐ Catalysis and Reaction Engineering
   ☐ Energy
   ☐ Environment and Sustainability
   ☐ Materials
   ☐ Math and Computational Systems
   ☐ Transport and Thermodynamics

9.   Lab advisor name(s) *

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

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

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12. We ask that you please discuss this opportunity with your PI as soon as possible, to make   *
   sure they would support your joining our program if accepted. We can't accept candidates
   without PI approval. Please indicate your PI's approval status at the time of submitting this
   application.

   Mark only one oval.

   ◯ PI has approved my potential participation
   ◯ Still waiting to hear from my PI about approval
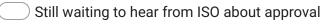
   Postdoc eligibility

   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.

13. Have you confirmed eligibility with your HR administrator (Bori Stoyanova)? *

Mark only one oval.

○ HR has approved my potential participation

○ Still waiting to hear from HR about approval

14. If you are international, have you confirmed eligibility with the International Scholars Office? *

Mark only one oval.

○ ISO has approved my potential participation

○ Still waiting to hear from ISO about approval

○ Not international

Your communication experience & ideas

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

Mark only one oval.

○ Yes

○ No

16. What's one communication need you've observed in the department, and what ideas do *
you have to address it? (100-200 words)

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Why are you interested in becoming a Communication Fellow? (300-500 words)
We're really 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 Lab 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?

17.   Enter your essay below. *

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