

Information regarding the Presentation Skills

- **Why is the course open to postdocs who are not enrolled in the Program?** There are postdocs who have already completed the Program and wish to participate in the class. It is also available to non-participants, as many of them are seasoned postdocs and have much to offer to others and some who need to improve their skills. Those postdocs who fall into these categories will not receive credit hours, nor will they receive “student” benefits.
- **What are the prerequisites for the course?** The course is available to Participants who have already taken Responsible Conduct in Research (RCR). The RCR course is a requirement of the Program, therefore, it must be taken before one can register for the Presentation Skills course and receive credit.
- **What is the schedule for the course?** The course will begin with faculty Program graduates discussing elements of presentation skills and doing sample presentations. The rest of the semester will be postdocs presenting to postdocs, offering each other evaluations. (There are three (3) classes that will meet along with the RCR class) See the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs website for the schedule and further details.
- **Why is there a limit of three “absences” for the course?** Attendance is required as an assurance that everyone gets to present AND that everyone will receive peer reviews. If you cannot commit, please do not sign up for the class. Missing joint programs with RCR are not counted against the allowed absences. That is an individual choice.
- **How long will each presentation need to be?** This will depend on the class size. Generally, each talk should be 15- 20 minutes long. Each presenter will be evaluated by the other participants in the class. (Schedules to be determined)

Dr. Anne Bell and Dr. Supi Bedi have agreed to manage the course in terms of structure and participation. Thanks to Anne for all the hard work she has dedicated to this class and to Supi for agreeing to assist her to ensure a productive experience for everyone.