

iGEM Presentation Bootcamp Meetup at Georgia State University

25 Park Place NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Room 2150

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Breakfast and Check-In

10:00 AM - 10:05 AM Opening Remarks, Announce Agenda

Rehmat: Thank you everyone for coming we're really excited to have you all here! Welcome to the Presentation Bootcamp Meetup, my name is Rehmat Babar I am a student leader on the iGEM Georgia State team. Today in attendance we have the iGEM team from Florida State University and Lambert High School and obviously team GSU. This year we actually had a unique opportunity to work with students from Southwest Jiaotong University in Chengdu, China in hopes they can start an iGEM team at their school as well. We've got a great day planned, I hope everyone gets something useful out of our meetup today and has lots of fun! We're going to start the day off with an icebreaker activity. We're calling it a speed dating project description icebreaker. Where basically you will have to give a 1 minute elevator speech to someone about your project.

10:05 AM - 10:50 AM Speed Dating Icebreaker

Rehmat: We will start off with a team huddle, so each team will take about 7 minutes or so to get into a huddle to come up with an elevator pitch for their project. Can you concisely and coherently explain your project to someone else in a 1 minute. Once each team has discussed and put together an elevator pitch, we will do a few rounds of speed dating where you will have to give your elevator pitch to someone that is not on your team. At the end of it, the partnership that feels they did the best job of giving their elevator speech where the other person will be able to explain their partner's project will win a little prize!

(After the Activity)

Rehmat: Okay so I hope everyone was able to get to know each other a little bit in this fun little ice breaker. It also serves as practice for the poster session in that you have to be able to communicate your project quickly while keeping it detailed enough for the other person to see what it's about but also broad enough to help the other person follow the big picture. It's easy to get lost in the technical details when discussing scientific ideas and it's not as easy as it looks, it takes practice and a lot of thought. Before we begin our presentations, we wanted to take some time to watch Tyler DeWitt's Ted Talk on science communication! I think a lot of our job as scientists is taking what we do in lab and being able to communicate it so that anyone regardless of background can understand. We need to tell a story and be able to relate these ideas back to the real world, how does it apply? What's the bigger picture here. And how do we make it fun?

10:50 AM - 11:10 AM Ted Talk

https://www.ted.com/talks/tyler_dewitt_hey_science_teachers_make_it_fun?language=en

Krithika: *I hope that video inspired you and got you prepared and excited for your own presentations! I couldn't have said it better myself, tell a story, make people care, and don't get lost in all the technical details. Our judges at iGEM come from a variety of educational backgrounds so it is essential to make our presentations easy to understand and follow. We're going to take a 5 minute break before we begin our presentations for the day, so get up and stretch and we'll meet back here in a few.*

11:10 AM - 11:15 AM Break

11:15 AM - 11:20 AM Transition, Pass out Critique Sheets/Explanation

Chiara: *So we are passing around the Critique sheets we will be using to judge each other's presentations. We made these using the judging handbook provided by iGEM to keep in mind the things they will be looking for, for when we present at the actual jamboree. This is a presentation bootcamp so I think we can all learn something from each other and can provide feedback on what things we're doing great and what things could use a little work. We're all here to help each other out so we can all win gold this year! After the presentation please take a couple of minutes to fill out these judging sheets and any comments you would like to make or any questions you think the judges could potentially ask. So let's get started with the first presentation of the day, team Georgia State!*

11:25 AM - 12:05 PM Georgia State University iGEM Team Presentation

12:05 AM - 12:45 PM Florida State University iGEM Team Presentation

12:45 PM - 1:00 PM Break

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM Lambert High School iGEM Team Presentation

Laura: *Thank you Lambert for that great presentation, the last thing we have on the agenda today is our graduate advisor Jessica Siemer who is actually a judge at the iGEM jamboree and has been for ___ years, will be talking to us about key pointers to keep in mind as we prepare for Boston and a little Q&A to get in on what the judges are looking for this year!*

2:45 PM - 3:15 PM iGEM Judge Jessica Siemer Presentation/Q&A

3:15 PM - 3:20 PM Closing Remarks

Rehmat: *Thank you all so much for coming, I had a great time today and I hope you all did too. Hopefully we all learned a thing or two about presenting and scientific communication. We're in the final stretch now, so I wish you all good luck, see you all in Boston! ☺*