



2026-2027 CAIRIBU ARCTICS COMMUNITY VIRTUAL FORUMS

Advancing the Research Capacity of Trainees and Investigators at early-Career Stages



September 2026 to May
2027, 2nd Wednesdays of
each month

*Exceptions apply. See dates below



1:00 PM Eastern (12 PM
Central | 10 AM Pacific)

DATE	FORUM TOPIC	BRIEF SYNOPSIS
Sept. 9, 2026	CAIRIBU Resources & Funding Mechanisms Overview	Introduce trainees to the full landscape of CAIRIBU-supported opportunities (pilot awards, travel support, specialized resources) and how to strategically engage with them at different career stages.
Oct. 7, 2026*	Building Your Research Identity: Modern Networking Strategies for Scientists	Help trainees intentionally develop a professional identity including online presence, professional communication, and relationship building within research communities.
Nov. 11, 2026	How to Design and Present a Scientific Poster	Teach practical poster design including poster layout, presenting data clearly, and presenting posters orally.
Dec. 16, 2026*	Communicating Like a Scientist: Oral Communication & Stage Presence	Strengthen oral communication skills for scientific settings, including formal presentations, audience engagement, and strategies for managing stage fright.
Jan. 13, 2027	Communicating Like a Scientist: Clear Scientific Writing & Professional Communication	Build skills in scientific writing and professional communication, including abstracts, manuscripts, and email communication.
Feb. 10, 2027	Communicating Like a Scientist: Visuals & Data	Strengthen skills in data visualization, figure design, and selecting appropriate tools to communicate scientific results clearly and accurately.
Mar. 10, 2027	Applying & Interviewing Across Career Stages	Use breakout rooms to prepare trainees for applications and interviews across multiple career paths.
Apr. 14, 2027	Using AI for Research, Writing, and Career Development	Introduce practical, responsible uses of AI tools for literature review, writing, coding, presentation preparation, and career development. Including discussion of ethics, journal policies, and institutional guidance surrounding AI use in research.
May 12, 2027	Competing for Alternative Funding – Professional Societies	Highlight funding and career development opportunities available through professional societies and how to plan and successfully apply.