



Marie Burns, Ph.D.
Director of the Center for Neuroscience
invites you to an exclusive event

**Neuroscience Fast-Pitch Competition
and CNS Director's Circle Gratitude Luncheon**

Saturday, November 1, 2025

9:30 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

Neuroscience fast-pitch competition, followed by lunch on the patio

Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science
[392 Old Davis Road](#), Davis

Kindly RSVP by October 24

Join us for an exciting fast-pitch competition, showcasing cutting-edge neuroscience research by CNS core faculty. Cast your vote to award the 2025 Neuroscience Innovation Grant – \$100,000 of a total \$150,000 in research support, made possible by philanthropy.

*Whether near or far, we hope you'll join us in person or in spirit
as we share heartfelt thanks for your generosity and impact.*

Register Now!

[I can't make it.](#)

Questions? Contact Jennifer Scott at jescott@ucdavis.edu
or (530)601-3380.



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Hello [Name],

We look forward to seeing you on **Saturday, November 1**
at the **Neuroscience Fast-Pitch Competition and CNS Director's
Circle Gratitude Lunch!**

Please see below for important information to know before you go:

- **Location:** The Fast-Pitch Competition will be held in the Silverado Vineyards Sensory Theater at the Robert Mondavi Institute (RMI) for Wine and Food Science, 392 Old Davis Rd, Davis, CA. [Get map and directions.](#)
- **Parking:** Free parking is available on Saturdays in the adjacent [Parking Lots P1 and P2](#) (east of the RMI for Wine and Food Science) or in the [Gateway Parking Structure](#) from Old Davis Road. You do not need to pay for parking.
- **Event Check-In:** Doors will open at 9:30 A.M. for Fast-Pitch Competition check-in and refreshments. Our program will promptly start at 10:00 A.M.

- **CNS Director's Circle Gratitude Lunch:** Following the Fast-Pitch Competition, lunch will be held on the covered patio of the RMI for Wine and Food Science.
- **Attire & Weather:** Attire is casual. The weather forecast in Davis on Saturday is 79°/54°. Consider wearing layers.
- **Guests:** If you are bringing a guest and did not provide an email address, please be sure to share this information with them.

Check out this year's innovative projects

[Check out our Neuroscience Fast-Pitch Competition program](#) in advance! Read about this year's innovative research projects by CNS core faculty and be prepared to help rank your favorite pitch. The winning projects will receive the **2025 Neuroscience Innovation Grant** – \$100,000 of a total \$150,000 in research support, made possible by philanthropy.

(Printed program will be available at the event.)

Again, we can't wait to see you on Saturday! If you have questions, please contact me at (530) 601-3380 or jescott@ucdavis.edu.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Scott, CAP
Managing Executive Director of Development
College of Biological Sciences





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Hi [Name],

It was wonderful to see everyone at the Neuroscience Fast-Pitch Competition and CNS Director's Circle Gratitude Lunch!

Thank you for spending your Saturday with us and helping select the winning proposal for the 2025 Neuroscience Innovation Grant by voting for your favorite fast-pitch project.

This year's Neuroscience Fast-Pitch Competition was extremely close. The winner of the 2025 Neuroscience Fast-Pitch Competition is:



The winning project will receive a \$100,000 research award, and the second and third place winners will receive \$30,000 (Dr. Brian Wiltgen) and \$20,000 (Dr. Tim Hanks) respectively, for a total of \$150,000 in research funding. This generous support for these new projects is made possible by the Haskell Robinson Family Neuroscience Endowment, Ling-Lie Chau Endowment for the Center for Neuroscience, Jeanette Gehl Neuroscience Innovation Fund and CNS Director's Circle members.

On behalf of the faculty, staff and trainees at the Center for Neuroscience, thank you again for your support and continued partnership. From our family to yours, we wish you a holiday season filled with joy and peace!

Sincerely,

Marie Burns, Ph.D.
Director, Center for Neuroscience

YEAR-END REMINDER

Generosity from donors and friends like you enable the Center for Neuroscience to thrive. If you haven't renewed your annual membership or wish to join the [**CNS Director's Circle**](#) with a gift of

\$1,000 or more, you can [make a secure online donation](#) by 11:59 P.M. on December 31, 2025, to qualify for a 2025 tax deduction.

For questions or information on our funding priorities, contact Jennifer Scott, managing executive director of development, at (530) 601-3380 or jescott@ucdavis.edu. Thank you for your continued support! [Click here for our disclosure statements.](#)



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