

Brain Matters Board

Chief Editor



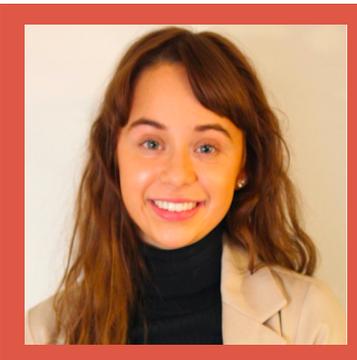
Laura is a Junior majoring in Molecular and Cellular Biology and is pursuing a minor in Food Science. She is very excited to showcase the new volume and hopes to expand the journal to new horizons. Aside from working on the journal, she is an assistant researcher in the Robinson Lab, is an MCB leader, an Orientation Leader, a member of Bioscience Journal club, and an executive board member of the Undergraduate Neuroscience Society.

Assistant Chief Editor



Fiza is a Junior majoring in Molecular and Cellular Biology on the pre-med track. In addition to her involvement in the Neuroscience Journal Committee, she has communicated her Illinois experience by being a former UIUC admissions blogger and enjoys science through volunteering at a local free clinic and doing research at Vet Med. She is thrilled to promote a neuroscience dialogue on campus!

Public Relations Chair



Julia Gainski is a junior majoring in Integrative Biology with a minor in German. She is the Public Relations Chair and a writer for Brain Matters. She is a research assistant at the Control & Network Connectivity Team (CONNECTlab) at the Beckman Institute of Advanced Science and Technology, where she assists with an EEG procedure in a concurrent EEG-fMRI study. Additionally, she is a personal assistant for students with physical disabilities at Beckwith Residential Support Services at Nugent Hall on campus, the secretary and a mentor of the Pre-Physician Assistant Club, and a member of the Illini Club Tennis team.



Editors



Carolyn is a junior majoring in Molecular and Cellular Biology and is currently conducting research in neurochemistry in Dr. Jonathan V. Sweedler's lab. Outside of academics, she is passionate about IlliniThon, the University of Illinois' Dance Marathon program that fundraises for St. John's Children's Hospital in Springfield, IL. She is excited to collaborate with the other students behind "Brain Matters" and promote brain awareness on campus.



Hi! My name is Sneha Mittal and I am the Treasurer and an Editor for Brain Matters. I am currently a sophomore majoring in Biochemistry on the pre-med track. Outside of Brain Matters, I work as an EMT and serve as the advocacy chair for the UNICEF branch on campus. When I am not working I enjoy spending time with my friends and exploring new things (I plan on going skydiving in a couple of weeks).



My name is Reilly Ruzella and I was an editor on Brain Matters. I graduated from University of Illinois Urbana Champaign in May 2022 with a double major in Molecular & Cellular Biology and Brain & Cognitive Science, and a certificate in Health Technology. I am currently pursuing a Master's degree in Kinesiology, which I will complete in May 2023. In Fall 2023, I plan to attend SUNY College of Optometry in New York.



Rajvi Javeri is a Junior pursuing a major in Psychology with a Concentration in Behavioral Neuroscience and a minor in Music. Apart from being a part of the Undergraduate Neuroscience Society, she helps out as a research assistant at the Cognitive Neuroimaging Laboratory at the Beckman Institute. In her free time, she likes to practice guitar and sing. She also loves drinking infused teas and reading books whenever she can. She loves going on treks and any outdoor activities in general and is also a part of the UIUC archery club!





Sarah is a Junior majoring in Biochemistry and Intradisciplinary Psychology. In addition to editing for Brain Matters, Sarah works in Dr. Auinash Kalsotra's biochemistry lab as a research assistant and in Dr. Kara Federmeier's cognitive neuroscience lab. In the future, Sarah hopes to pursue an MD-PhD in Biochemistry to study the mechanisms of neurodegenerative disorders. In her free time, Sarah loves to play soccer, go hiking, watch television, and spend time with friends.

Design Board*



Manan is a Junior majoring in Brain and Cognitive Sciences and is pursuing a minor in Chemistry. Apart from being a pre-dental student, Manan has previously been an Orientation Leader at UIUC. Last summer, Manan worked with people of determination and designed thinking modules for underprivileged students in India. Outside of class, Manan is deeply interested in reading books that pertain to cognitive psychology and productivity, engaging in insightful scientific dialogue and community service. He looks forward to making Brain Matters an inclusive and engaging scientific committee on campus



Katy Simmons is an MCB major pursuing a certificate in neuroscience! Her interests include cellular neuroscience and neuroimmunology. She is involved in Brain Matters as a design team member, editor, and writer. Her favorite thing about being a part of the journal is meeting and engaging with others that are passionate about neuroscience. Apart from her role in Brain Matters, she is a research assistant in the Evolution of Intelligent Systems lab, as well as the Evolutionary Immunology and Genomics Laboratory. After undergrad, she plans to attend grad school to conduct her own research in cellular neuroscience!



Michelle is a sophomore pursuing a major in Chemistry and a minor in Computer Science. Aside from being a part of the journal, Michelle is currently working in the Silverman Lab as an undergraduate researcher. She is excited to explore the field of neuroscience by writing for Brain Matters.

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