Poster Discussion Guide

The goal of the Poster Discussion is to connect a handful of faculty members and selected students to discuss their research in small groups. Members of each Poster Discussion have submitted a poster on related work, and we hope that these small group discussions will serve as an effective way to learn from one another as we work to move our collective science forward.

Below are some recommendations to facilitate the Poster Discussion session:

1. Please join your Poster Discussion group on time [2.30 PM Eastern Time]. The meeting will automatically be recorded.

2. Each institution should take a turn providing a brief 1-2 sentence summary of their research*
   For example, "we are annotating a phage isolated on Microbacterium foliorum" or "we are studying tRNA distribution in mycobacteriophages".
   *If you have submitted multiple posters, you can choose which poster you will discuss. Ideally, you will choose one that is most aligned with the projects by others in your discussion group.

3. Once all institutions have shared a summary of their research, each institution can then take ~ 5 minutes to describe their project in more detail, focusing on parts of the project that you would most value input on from your group members. We recommend that you come prepared with a few specific questions for the group.
   For example, "I am finding it very difficult to identify the slippery sequence in the tail assembly chaperone gene. What are some alternative approaches for identifying this sequence?"
   As a group, you can all spend another ~5 minutes discussing your research and the questions you posed. After about 10 minutes, you should pause and allow the next institution to go.

To make the most of the poster session:

1. If possible, please review the posters submitted by your group members.
   In some instances, your group member may have submitted multiple posters – you may want to focus on those posters that are most similar in topic to your poster.

2. If your discussion results in questions or suggestions for the SEA program, please reach us at info@seaphgaes.org. We would love to hear from you.