Let’s Braindate.
Science needs conversation.

Log in at fiols.braintree.com
Use the email that you used to register for FiO+LS.
WHAT IS A BRAINDATE?

A braindate is a one-on-one or group knowledge-sharing meeting.

You book it on the Braindate platform before or during the event, and connect virtually using the platform.

Click to see a video of the experience
WHY BRAINDATE?

Braindate at Frontiers in Optics + Laser Science (FiO + LS) is an opportunity for us all to connect (and re-connect). Come exchange ideas around your research, strengthening our community and career opportunities through small group or one-on-one conversations, facilitated by the Braindate platform. This is your chance to connect as peers, colleagues, and mentors at our annual meeting.
Braindate platform features to know about

Braindate is a web browser application, which means there is no app to download for braindating.

1. **A Topic Market** where you can browse the one-on-one and group braindate topics created by other participants that are available for discussion.
   a. You can identify the group topics by looking at the label on the topic card.
   b. Group braindates are scheduled by the host but one-on-ones are coordinated between participants.

2. **A New Topic** where you can create your own braindate topics for one-on-ones or small group conversations.

3. **Your personal Braindates folder** where you will find the invitations you have sent or received and your confirmed 1:1 and group braindates.

4. **Your Profile** where you can add info about yourself, see the topics you’ve created and access your notifications preferences by clicking on the gear.

5. **A Chat** option that allows you to connect with one of the event Learning Concierges; real humans who are there to answer questions, provide advice and help you make the most of the event.

Braindate
TODAY

Login and create your topics.
Recommended: Create a Group Braindate.
CREATE A GROUP BRAINDATE

Group braindates are conversations with up to five people. Be bold and share topics that you really care about, be it personal or professional. This is an opportunity to connect with others who share your interests.
What can you share?

Because living is learning, **everyone has valuable knowledge to share**. A few ideas to get you started:

- What elements of your research are you most excited to share?
- How to develop a career in your field: what has your journey looked like?
- What upcoming objectives have you set for yourself and why are they important?
- Provide a “day in the life” of what it’s like to work at your company.
- Sharing best practices for soft skills and hard skills in your industry or niche.
- What does the future look like?
JOIN 1:1 OR GROUP CONVERSATIONS

One-on-one (30min)
Dive deep into a topic with one other person on a one-on-one braindate.

Small group (45min)
Enjoy a discussion with up to five other people to gain perspectives on a group braindate.
NEXT

Browse topics, sign up for braindates.
Update profile and test your audio/video.
Update your timezone, language and notifications

Note: The default time for the conference is US EDT. You can change your time zone in your Preferences, after clicking the gear!
Browse topics

Explore the topic market to find group and 1:1 braindates.

You can type in an interest or use the “SORT” and “FILTER” options to find topics suited for you.

You’ll see a mix of all braindates—both group and one-on-one when you first click “Market. The link in this card will filter to only group braindates.
When on the Market, use the Search Bar, Sort and Filter features to refine your search for topics that are meaningful to you.

Add your mobile phone number to your notifications preferences to receive SMS messages about your Braindates when on site. (Under Profile, by clicking on gear.)

If you create a group braindate, you can't change the time once people have joined your group.

Use the Chat feature on the Braindate platform to connect to Learning Concierges; real humans that can help you craft interesting topics and identify the braindate topics that are most relevant based on your needs and interests.

When you schedule a group braindate or confirm a one-on-one, use the calendar button to add it to a personal calendar.

You can sync your personal Google and Office calendars and manage your available time by going to the Availability menu in your Profile.
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Access the platform and meet your braindates.
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