

How to make a video for the Becoming Peers: Shorts project?

1. General instructions:

- Each video should be a maximum of 4 minutes long.
- Each video needs to have captions or subtitles (additional instructions available at the end of this document).
- Each video needs to fit one of the three video types described below and answer the questions pre-specified for that video type.
- All videos have to be made freely available under a CC-BY 4.0 licence.

2. Choosing a video type:

There are 3 video types and for each video type a series of questions have been developed with the input and help of the Animal Behaviour and Cognition Twitter community. We recommend choosing 2-3 questions to answer during the video to fit the 4 minute time limit for the videos.

Where appropriate, you can indicate which question you are answering: this could be done by inserting the question in the video as a subtitle or on the full screen (as in our example video 3 by Dr. Emma Tecwyn), reading out the question (although this takes away most time probably), or simply holding up a piece of paper with the question written on it (as in our example video 2 by Dr. Ljerka Ostojić).

Video type 1: Researcher 'gives a tour' of their research environment

Questions:

- What does a typical testing session look like? (including things not covered in papers, e.g., preparation or setting up that happens beforehand)
- From the animal's perspective, what is it like to take part in your research?
- What does a typical day look like for the animals that you work with?
- What does your typical day look like at this location?
- Which aspect of working at this location or with this species do you enjoy the most and which is not to do directly with your research question(s)?

Video type 2: Researcher talks about a specific publication/set of publications

Questions:

- What made you investigate this topic/question?
- Did you encounter any interesting issues when running the study (e.g., animals behaving in unexpected ways with tasks)?
- What are some of the problems and pitfalls you have encountered working with this species/group of animals?
- Which part of this study do you think looks easy or fast on paper, but is much more difficult or long in reality?

- How much/what kind of data collection happened before you got to the work that is reported in the paper/set of publications?

Video type 3: Researcher talks about their current research project, their research interests and motivation

Questions:

- What is your current research focus?
- What led you to work with this species/group?
- Have any of your findings surprised you?
- What do you think are the big questions to be answered next in this research area?
- What is one question in this area that you wished you knew the answer for?

3. Preparing the video:

Format: Although Vimeo supports most common video formats, videos in mp4 format are strongly encouraged.

Length: The maximum length of the video should be 4 minutes.

Size: It is recommended to prepare a video up to 1080p.

Captions/Subtitles: You can either burn captions/subtitles onto your video OR you can follow the guidelines on <https://help.vimeo.com/hc/en-us/articles/224968828-Captions-and-subtitles> to produce a file with captions/subtitles, which we will then use to add captions/subtitles to your video when it is uploaded onto ASAB Education Vimeo channel.

4. Submitting the video:

To submit a video, please fill out a Google Form at <https://tinyurl.com/29xs8823> which will ask for your full name, contact details, and some additional information that will be displayed alongside your video.

In the Submission Form, you can indicate whether you want to be considered for reimbursement for your time in preparing the video through the ASAB Education grant. If you tick the box, we will contact you after the submission of your video.

You can either upload your video as part of the Submission Form or you can email us at BecomingPeersShorts@gmail.com to discuss the best way to share the video with us.