# Cheesy connections: Networking workshop with a side of pizza

## Speed networking prompts

Start with the two prompts in the box and then pick one more prompt from the list provided.

**Introduce yourself:**

* What is your current position and research focus?
* Can you briefly describe your research project?
* What motivated you to pursue your current field of study?

**Professional development and collaboration interests:**

* What skills or experiences are you hoping to gain during your postdoc?
* Are there any specific skills or expertise you are hoping to find in a collaborator?

Research challenges:

* What is the biggest challenge you're facing in your research right now?
* How have you overcome significant obstacles in your work?

Career goals:

* What are your short-term and long-term career goals?
* How do you see your research evolving in the next five years?

Mentorship:

* Have you had any mentors who significantly influenced your career? How?
* What advice would you give to someone looking for a mentor in academia?

Personal interests:

* What are your hobbies or interests outside of research?
* How do you balance work and personal life?

Interesting facts:

* Share an interesting fact about yourself that not many people know.
* What is the most exciting place you’ve travelled to for a conference or research collaboration?