

Writing and Communication Center
50 Ames Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

December 19, 2025

This letter confirms that Iman YeckehZaare successfully completed the Public Speaking Certificate Program offered by the Writing and Communication Center (WCC) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from October 9 to December 19, 2025.

The WCC developed this certificate program for MIT graduate students and postdoctoral scholars to strengthen their oral communication skills, with a particular focus on public speaking presentations. The program aims to teach participants how to develop content that is engaging, clear, and appropriate for diverse audiences, learn skills for explaining complex research through storytelling in accessible ways, and strengthen delivery techniques to communicate ideas with clarity and confidence.

To earn the certificate, Iman YeckehZaare completed all program requirements, dedicating over 25 hours of work, which included:

- 6 instructional workshops (9 hours)
- 2 interactive small-group clinics (3 hours)
- 1 one-on-one consultation with a WCC lecturer (1 hour)
- 1 independent practice session in the WCC Communication Studio (1 hour)
- Pre- and post-program self-reflection (1 hour)
- Independent work on video development and revision (10+ hours)

The program culminated in the development of a 3-minute video presentation explaining a research topic for an interdisciplinary audience. Participants began by submitting a first draft of their video presentation and engaged in multiple rounds of feedback and revision throughout the program. The final capstone consisted of a refined video presentation accompanied by a written reflection on their progress as presenters.

Iman YeckehZaare's successful completion of this program demonstrates a strong commitment to public speaking and effective research communication.

Sincerely,



Elena Kallestinova

Director, Writing and Communication Center