Every year, the Brandeis MRSEC aims to hold an IRG Workshop which is a trainee-organized, all-day event for all MRSEC members to gain hands-on experience with the Center’s interdisciplinary research groups.

In Jan 2023, an IRG2 workshop focused on Active Matter where a group of IRG2 trainees worked together to organize a day of computational and experimental training and collaboration. The day consisted of a variety of talks on active matter, theoretical activities, and experimental activities which allowed the Center as a whole to learn more about IRG2. Zare worked closely with trainees to ensure the topics covered and activities included in the workshop were appropriate for a general science audience and encouraged all MRSEC members, regardless of background, to participate. The result of this workshop is increased synergy across the IRGs and community building.