

Paper

Sur, M., Pallas, S.L., Roe, A.W. “Cross-modal plasticity in cortical development: differentiation and specification sensory cortex”, *Trends in Neurosciences*, Elsevier, June 1990, 227-233.

WRT 40 minutes

Also

Von Melchner, L., Pallas, S.L., Sur, M. “Visual behavior mediated by retinal projections directed to the auditory pathway”, *Nature*, MacMillan Magazines, April 2000, 871-876.

WRT 20 minutes

Assignment

On a total of one side of one sheet of paper, using 10 pt type or larger, with standard interline spacing and margins, respond to all the following:

Imagine that you are Mriganka Sur. It is 1990. You have just published *Cross-modal plasticity ...*, and you are seeking financial support for the work that eventually leads to the paper eventually published in 2000, but that work still lies in the future.

You learn that Winston, during a period of temporary insanity, has taken a leave from MIT to work for two years at the National Science Foundation, where he has started a program titled “Nouveau Neuroscience.”

- You decide to write a so-called letter proposal to Winston. Construct a list defining what you think you should accomplish in your letter so as to persuade Winston to ask for a formal proposal.
- Write a letter based on your list.