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Neurobehavioral Mechanisms of Learning and Adaptation: Translational Perspectives from Basic to Applied Science

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Understanding the principles that govern learning and adaptation requires a cross-disciplinary approach bridging neuroscience, behavior analysis, and computational modeling. This Special Issue aims to highlight cutting-edge research that advances theoretical and empirical accounts of behavioral processes, spanning from cellular mechanisms and neural circuits to operant models and applied interventions. Emphasis will be placed on work that integrates findings across species and levels of analysis to deepen our understanding of how behavior is acquired, maintained, and modified in dynamic environments. Contributions that draw on the experimental analysis of behavior, behavioral neuroscience, translational models, and computational behavior analysis are particularly encouraged. This Special Issue invites both original research articles and theoretical contributions that propose, evaluate, or refine models of learning and behavior change.

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