

## THE ANTHILL: FORWARD PLANNING 2017

All pitches should be sent to [podcast@theconversation.com](mailto:podcast@theconversation.com). Themes are loose and we'd love to hear your ideas, particularly those tied to new or upcoming research. Below are some suggestions of ideas we're interested in. We will consider all pitches, and we'll get back to you once the pitch deadline has passed. Please do continue to spread the word about [The Anthill](#).

Month	Title	Overall theme	Looking for academics doing new/recent research on ideas such as:	Pitch deadline	Recordings
<b>June</b>	Music on the mind	The influence of music on people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Music and its impact on personality</li> <li>- Music and child development</li> <li>- How music can help with dementia</li> <li>- The power of national anthems</li> </ul>	May 3	End May/ early June
<b>July</b>	Unexplored places	What's left to explore and should we go there?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Space: habitable exoplanets?</li> <li>- Oceans? Land? (Is there anywhere on Earth people have yet to go?)</li> <li>- Really dangerous experiments</li> <li>- Exploring tiny places, like the body</li> </ul>	May 31	End June/ early July
<b>August</b>	Humour me	The power of laughter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What/how does laughter help people?</li> <li>- Anatomy of funny jokes</li> <li>- Humour in different cultures</li> <li>- What does our individual humour say about our personality?</li> </ul>	July 12	End July/ early August

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is it possible to completely lack a sense of humour or be unable to laugh?</li> </ul>		
<b>September</b>	British Science Festival	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We're interested in hearing from academics who will be presenting new research at the British Science Festival in Brighton, 5-9 September</li> </ul>	August 31	5-9 Sept