

Postdoc Association (PDA) Meeting - Monday, July 10, 2023

Attendance (22): Felicia Moss, Shashi Singh, Ankit Sharma, Imdadul Khan, Lenka Hromadkova, Lamyae El Khalki, Shalini Verma, Suza Mohammad, Luan Prado, Jonnelle Edwards-Glenn, Jeremy Didion, Volodymyr Stetsenko, Eric Mosher, Maura McCall, Andrius Tamosiunas, Sagar Regmi, Bernadette Schneider, Popular Pandey, Vivek Prikash, Pramod Nagaraju, S. Syam, Gideon Gywa

***Special guest, Jenny Hadingham, Assistant Director** from the University Center for Innovation in Teaching and Education (UCITE) discussed the teaching opportunities for Postdocs

- Teaching resources for postdocs: <https://case.edu/postdoc/postdoc-resources/teaching-postdocs>
- UCITE offers events for postdocs to join every First Friday of the month from 11:30-12:30 in the Herrick Room in the Allen Memorial Medical Library (pizza and drinks provided)
- UNIV401, Advanced Professional Development for University Teaching (free) is offered every semester. 14-week 0 credit hour seminar

Felicia Moss, Director, PDA

- Still looking for a volunteer for the position on the Reproductive health committee: If anyone is interested or wants to learn more, please contact Felicia Moss.
- Working with the Biomedical Graduate Student Organization to generate an anonymous survey about PI/postdoc relationships. The BGSO has already created one for students and sent it out, but they wanted to include postdocs.
- Working on developing postdoc awards for the School of Graduate Studies awards ceremony in May. Some of the proposed awards include Mentorship (postdocs mentoring grad/undergrad students), Mentor Award (for a PI, perhaps buy their lab lunch as an award). Research (who is working on the most exciting research), Community Service/Volunteer. Perhaps work with other offices to sponsor the awards like CCEL sponsoring the service award or the ORTM sponsoring the research award. All awardees would get a plaque and small monetary award.
- Looking for volunteers for the annual PDA picnic to come to Edgewater Park early to help with set up. The picnic will be held at Edgewater Park on Friday, August 11th from 6 – 8:30 pm. Be sure to RSVP here: <https://cglink.me/2cS/r2130447>

Shashi Singh, Sr. Co-President

- Congratulated Felicia Moss for receiving the President's Award.
- Congratulated and welcomed new PDA Secretary, Md Imdadul Huque Khan
- Discussed the importance of an event for postdocs (specifically for PDA with families) regarding childcare, school, financial planning, etc.

Jeremy Didion & Bernadette Schneider, **Benefits Committee**

- Will be sending out an email about the benefits of the Impact Solutions Employee Assistance Program
- All-Postdoc Benefits Refresher had 9 in attendance
- Translation services have now been added to the EAP, so when you call in with an issue, you can ask for a translator in 240 languages.

Sagar Regmi, **Immigration and Visa Committee**

- Work in the visa office might be delayed as they are busy changing their office location.

Eric Mosher, Popular Pandey, Maura McCall, **Professional Development Committee**

- Suggested **Discord** as a server to quickly connect PDA members to discuss professional development, careers, onboarding, etc. Eric will work on setting up the account and channels, then we will send an email to opt-in to all postdocs.
- CV/Resume/Biosketch Workshop will be held on 9th August 2023.
- Resume round table in the works for September 13th, details to follow. This would be a continuation of the CV writing workshop in August.
- Paule Joseph from the NIH is in the works to present in September for the Career Series, Maura is still working out those logistics.

Ankit Sharma and Jonnelle Edwards-Glenn, **Social Media Ambassadors**

- Postdocs are invited to fill out the “Postdoc spotlight form,” available on the PDA website. Ankit Sharma will be in the next Postdoc spotlight. Pawan Tripathi was just highlighted this month.
- We’ve created a form so others can nominate postdocs for the Spotlight as well.

Shalini Verma, **Social Activities Committee**

- The annual Postdoc Picnic will be held at Edgewater Park on Friday, August 11th, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm.

Sreelakshmi Vasudevan and Amra Ismail, **Women’s Affairs Committee**

- Panel on progression into a faculty career had 29 attendees, the recording is online and the information was sent to all postdocs.

Faculty Senate Committee

- No update in summer