

Postdoc Association (PDA) Meeting - Monday, 11th September 2023

Attendance: Felicia Moss, Imdadul H Khan, Jeremy Didion, Sagar Regmi, Lenka Hromadkova, Shashi Singh, Gideon Gywa, Jonnelle Glenn, Huong (Haley) Nguyen, Wasuu Balogun, Bernadette Schneider, Eric Mosher, Volodymyr Stetsenko, Popular Pandey, Suza Mohammad Nur, Luan Prado

Felicia Moss, Director, PDA

- National Postdoc Appreciation (NPA) Week will be held from September 18th to 22nd.
- Reserved postdoc slot on **September 14th**, from 5:15 to 6:45 pm at Veal Main Gym ([Directions](#)).
- Looking forward to meeting with the newly appointed associate provost, Jeff Capadona and discuss about different opportunities for the PDA.
- Innovation Week will be held after NPA week, postdocs are encouraged to participate in the poster pitch.
- 6 postdocs were chosen to complete Weatherhead certificates
- President Kaler came and talked with our new postdocs at Orientation

Shashi Singh, Sr. Co-President

- Proposed a position in the committee for fundraising.
 - Vote: Unanimously approved to create a Fundraising Committee
- Proposed for a session/talk on Intellectual Property/ patent etc.
- Discussed the possibility of sending someone as an in-person representative postdoc/s from CWRU to NPA
- Working on collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation (CCF)

Ankit Sharma, Jr. Co-President

Imdadul H. Khan, Secretary

- Encouraged committee members to send the committee report/agenda to him before the monthly meeting.

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

- Working on Bus pass discount
- Rental car discounts for PDAs. (Email travel@case.edu to get the discount code)

Sagar Regmi, **Immigration and Visa Committee**

- Working on how postdocs from visa-restricted countries (e.g., countries affected by the Ukraine war) can come to CWRU or postdocs from CWRU can visit/work in those countries.
- Working to arrange a lawyer expert in EB1, EB2, NIW, etc.

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

- CV/Resume Roundtable ([RSVP](#)) is on **September 13th** at Tomlinson Hall.
- Career Series talk ([RSVP](#)) is scheduled for **October 19th** with Dr. Oliver Bogler, Center for Cancer Training Director at the National Cancer Institutes.
- Encouraged postdocs to use [Discord](#) and create their ID in a special format (**last name_first name**).

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

- Mentioned the influence of social media, mentioning his own experience on Postdoc highlights.
- [Postdoc Spotlight of the Month](#) was Ankit Sharma

TBD, **Social Activities Committee**

- This position is vacant. Postdocs are encouraged to join in this position.

Others:

- Symposium on October 18th, Wednesday at 3 p.m. to celebrate Flora Stone Mather Center's 20th anniversary ([Link](#)).
- Reformation of CWRU to improve its response to sexual harassment ([Press Release from DOJ](#)).
- Campus masterplan for interdisciplinary building, which will be implemented in 2025 is going on.
- People from different departments, including Chief police, administrative head, and responsible person from the University, are working for Campus Safety
- Proposed training for different alarming/alert systems of the University.