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UGA Postdoc Newsletter

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A publication of the UGA Office of Postdoctoral Affairs with announcements and opportunities in support of our postdoc community.

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Upcoming PDA Social Events

This month's social will be at **6 pm on Friday, April 28th**. Location and details are coming soon!

Chat with us on WhatsApp

We have created a postdoc WhatsApp group to allow postdocs to connect informally with each other. If you are interested in joining the group, please provide your information [here](#).

Introduction to PDA portal

In this [portal](#), you will find diverse information including *Get settled at UGA*, *Enroll in benefits*, *Find funding*, etc., as well as event pictures. You can also find the information about [PDA](#) here. We may have vacancies opening soon. Please keep an eye on the recruitment. Contact pdassoc@uga.edu if you are interested or have any questions.

Additional listservs' for postdocs

To better serve the diversity in our community, we are planning to create additional listservs for diverse postdoc groups, eg, group of new parents who may share information of babysitting, daycare etc., group of international postdocs, etc. If you

feel you would benefit from additional listservs, please contact pdassoc@uga.edu indicating what group you'd like to have. Once we receive enough interest, we'll set up such groups.

Featured Announcements

Request for Information (RFI): Re-envisioning U.S. Postdoctoral Research Training and Career Progression within the Biomedical Research Enterprise (Deadline: **April 14, 2023**)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) seeks information from extramural research community members regarding the current state of postdoctoral research training and career progression within the biomedical research enterprise. NIH is particularly interested in understanding the perspective and experience of recent and current postdoctoral trainees, postdoctoral office leaders, as well as graduate students considering becoming postdoctoral trainees within the academic sector. This RFI will assist NIH in hearing the voices of postdoctoral trainees along with others impacted by this unique and skilled training position, and in exploring ways to address some of the fundamental challenges faced by the postdoctoral trainee community. This information will inform the development of recommendations by the NIH Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD), an advisory group that provides advice on matters pertinent to NIH mission responsibilities in the conduct and support of biomedical research, medical science, and biomedical communications.

Review of this entire RFI notice is encouraged to ensure your response is comprehensive and to have a full understanding of how it will be utilized. Please provide feedback [here](#) before 2023-04-14 11:59:59 PM EST.

Southeastern Conference (SEC) Emerging Scholars Program – FY24 UGA competition announcement (Application deadline: **May 1, 2023**)

[The Southeastern Conference \(SEC\) Emerging Scholars Program](#) is a year-long professional development series preparing diverse scholars from member institutions to enter academia. Selected scholars will participate in an inter-institutional SEC Emerging Scholars Career Preparation workshop in the Fall of 2023. The 2023 Emerging Scholars Workshop will be hosted by the University of Arkansas. The dates for the workshop will be Sunday, October 1 (travel day) through Wednesday morning, October 4, 2023.

All active UGA postdocs seeking an academic faculty position are eligible to apply. Postdocs must remain as a UGA postdoc through the academic year to receive full benefit and compensation for the program. Please find attached for the details.

Postdoctoral Scholar Domestic and Foreign Travel Program (Deadline: **May 9, 2023**)

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to launch the [Postdoctoral Scholar Domestic and Foreign Travel Funds Program](#). This program provides matching funds for active UGA postdocs to present their current research at national and international academic conferences. Matching funds (at least 1:1) must be identified and may be provided by the postdoc's research mentor/supervisor, unit, or college, or by an external travel award or grant. The maximum funding from the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is **\$1,500** per domestic trip or **\$2,000** per international trip.

Applications will be reviewed in quarterly intervals, with deadlines on the second Tuesday of August, November, February, and May. **The next deadline will be May 9th, 2023.**

Industrial Conference On Data Mining (ICDM) Workshops Call for Papers (Deadline: **May 25, 2023**)

Industrial conference on data mining (ICDM) 2023 is comprised of 4 workshops. They are:

- International Workshop on Data Mining in Marketing, DMM 2023
- International Workshop Case-Based Reasoning, CBR-MD 2023
- International Workshop of Advanced Internet of Things for Medicine and Others - IoTMO 2023 The Internet of Things and Services
- International Workshop on Multimedia Forensic Data Analysis, Forensic 2023

Call for papers to all four workshops. All papers will be published in the proceedings of the respective workshop. The proceedings are OPEN ACCESS. They are online available. Please refer to [here](#) for more information about the workshops.

International Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour at the University of Georgia is a weekly program that brings UGA students, faculty, staff, and community members together over coffee and international cuisine. Excluding scheduled University breaks, this event occurs **every Friday during the fall and spring semesters from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm in the Memorial Hall Ballroom**. Hosted each week by our International Student Organizations and campus departments, the UGA Coffee Hour is one of the longest running programs of its kind across the United States. More info can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Athens, GA Events (non UGA affiliated events):

An event calendar for local events in Athens can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Postdoc Spotlight: Introducing our Postdocs

This section of the newsletter is dedicated to introducing the amazing and diverse body of postdoctoral researchers working at UGA. Each month, the PDA will introduce 1-2 of our postdocs. If you are interested, please contact the PDA (pdassoc@uga.edu) with a short biography (~100 words) and a photo. In your biography, you can include your current affiliation at UGA and research, the institution you completed your PhD, the focus of your PhD thesis/dissertation, and any professional experience prior to UGA, etc. You can also add information about your background (e.g., where you are originally from) and hobbies beyond academia. Feel free to share your professional website and/or social media if you like.



Mahdi Morad Pour

Department of Genetics and Department of Plant Biology at the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources

Mahdi Morad Pour (he/him/his) is a Postdoc with Dr. Chung-Jui Tsai. His research interest centers in the forest functional genomics and genome editing for climate change. He received his Ph.D. in Genetic Engineering and Molecular Biology from University of Putra Malaysia in 2021. His doctoral work focused on the regulation of temperature stress-responsive transcriptional regulatory network by CRISPR/dCas9 in plants. Mahdi completed his first post-doctorate research scientist appointment in Bioinformatics at Tallinn University of Technology in Estonia in collaboration projects with Helsinki University of Finland. Dr. Mahdi's postdoctoral work focused on Bioinformatics approaches to study potential regulators of wood formation in trees. Meanwhile, he served as a member of two different actions of European Cooperation in Science and Technology in the European Union. He currently investigates winter transcriptome regulation in *Poplar* trees. Mahdi's personal hobbies include hiking, travel, cooking, novels and movies. Email: mahdi.moradpour@uga.com.

UGA Events and Opportunities

[Professional Education Portal \(PEP\)](#): use your UGA credential to access the portal.

The summer schedule includes virtual and in-person classes related to:

- Mental Health and Well-being
- Unconscious Bias
- Human Trafficking Awareness
- Diversity Inclusion and Belonging

- Time Management
- Leadership

[Office of Experiential Professional Development \(xPD\)](#)

The xPD program is designed to support career planning and is open to both graduate students and postdocs. While some information is aimed to support graduate students, many of the resources and topics covered by this office are applicable to postdocs. We highly encourage postdocs to utilize these on-campus resources, please see below for highlighted events and new resources:

Postdocs are invited and welcome to all these events. The [events calendar](#) lists all events and any questions may be directed to Andrew Crain (acrain@uga.edu).

The Foundation Relations team

Foundation Relations Funding Opportunities - UGA Development & Alumni Relations

[UGA Internal Competition Space - InfoReady](#)

InfoReady is an application and internal competition management system utilized by the Office of Research, Public Service and Outreach, and the Graduate School at the University of Georgia (UGA) for various programs.

[Subscribe to Pivot](#)

Pivot is a database of more than 25,000 funding opportunities from numerous sponsors across all disciplines. By signing up, you can create custom funding alerts, share opportunities with groups and save and track opportunities. Anyone with a UGA MyID can access this valuable resource.

UGA Resources

[Aurora](#) via xPD

Video resource library for both faculty and professional career paths.

[Interstride](#) via UGA Career Center

Career development platform focused on International job searching and visa information

[UGA I-Corps](#) via NSF Innovation Corps

Hands-on training in research commercialization

Available Resources

UGA Postdoctoral Resources

- [Office of Research](#)
- [Postdoc Policy](#)
- [UGA Research News](#)

- [UGA Arch Ready Professionalism Certificate Programs](#)

UGA University Libraries

- [Open Access Publishing & Resources](#)

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[Research Insights/Funding Announcement](#)

Research Matters is a compilation of UGA research news items, including funding opportunities and other announcements, relevant to researchers, research administrators and their staff at the University of Georgia. Research Insights is disseminated monthly to [subscribers](#).

[Research Live](#)

The Office of Research will offer a series of remote presentations by Research administrators and personnel to help UGA researchers navigate the challenges that face them during this unprecedented time. These short, targeted Zoom sessions are intended to answer your questions without burdening your day—each presentation will last 15-20 minutes, with additional time for Q&A. Sessions are also archived for later viewing.

UGA Postdoc Portal Career Development

[Postdoc Fellowships and Positions](#)

- [NIH Postdoctoral Training Opportunities](#)
- [NSF Opportunities for Postdoctoral Fellows](#)
- [Johns Hopkins University – Postdoctoral Funding Opportunities](#): This is a continuously updated repository of federal and private funding opportunities that are intended for postdoctoral investigators. The opportunities are pre-sorted chronologically and alphabetically and can be searched by funding amount and subject matter.
- [American Cancer Society](#)
- [Nature Jobs](#)
- [Science Careers AAAS](#)
- [HigherEd Jobs](#)

Additional Postdoctoral Resources

- [National Postdoctoral Association](#)
- [Postdoc Academy](#)
- [Inside Higher Ed](#)
- [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#)
- [National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity](#)

Diversity Resources

If you would like to learn more about available UGA resources on campus concerning discrimination, diversity, and disability services, the [Office of Institutional Diversity \(OID\)](#) at UGA can provide further information and links. The Office of Institutional Diversity leads the university in fulfilling its commitment to be a diverse campus that is enriched and informed by the personal, cultural, and intellectual differences of its students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Diversity resources available at UGA can be found [here](#). The **Office of Human Resources** can also provide further information concerning disability services and accommodations at UGA as well as other work-related issues.

[Minority Postdoc](#) also provides a comprehensive collection of resource links, events, and opportunities.

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