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A publication of the UGA Postdoctoral Association Executive Board in association with the UGA Office of Postdoctoral Affairs with announcements and opportunities in support of our postdoc community. Visit the [Postdoc Portal](#).

In this Newsletter:

- Featured Announcements
- Upcoming Events
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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 the PDA portal

In this [portal](#), you will find diverse information including *Get settled at UGA*, *Enroll in benefits*, *Find funding*, and event pictures. More information about the UGA Postdoctoral Association can be found [here](#). Contact pdassoc@uga.edu if you are interested or have any questions.

Featured Announcements

Join Us for a Postdoc Writing Space!

We're envisioning a quiet, focused space—either in-person or virtual—where postdocs can come together to make progress on writing projects, whether it's a manuscript, grant proposal, or something else you've been putting off. This is also a great opportunity to connect with other postdocs across campus.

To help us gauge interest and plan logistics, please take a moment to complete this [1-minute survey](#).

Tentative Agenda:

- **Brief check-in:** Share what you're working on and what you hope to accomplish.
- **1–2 focused writing sessions** using the Pomodoro Technique (e.g., 25- or 55-minute work blocks with short breaks).
- **Wrap-up:** Reflect on your progress and outline your next steps.

We'd love to hear your thoughts!

Postdoc Writing Group Interest Survey: <https://forms.gle/ErmJiTL2d4K2sj4g7>

Upcoming Events

Tifton Campus: Coffee & Conversations

A coffee hour for postdocs located at UGA's Tifton Campus will be held on **Friday, August 15th** from **9 am -11 am** in the **NESPAL Building**. Come enjoy coffee, treats, and a chance to socialize and network with other postdocs.

UGA OPA Professional Development Workshop: Preparing Application Materials

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) will host a workshop focusing on preparation

of job application materials on **Monday, August 18th** from **9 am -11 am** in **Coverdell Center Room S341**. This workshop will be led by Dr. Jessica Muilenburg and Dr. Shavannor Smith and will provide postdoctoral researchers with practical strategies to strengthen their academic job applications, focusing on CVs, cover letters, research statements, teaching statements, and other relevant application documents. Click [here](#) to see additional upcoming events this fall hosted by OPA.

Athens Campus: New Postdoc Orientation & Networking



UGA OPA will host an orientation and networking session for incoming postdocs new to the Athens campus on **Wednesday, August 27th** from **12 pm - 2 pm** in **Coverdell Center Room N104**. This session will be led by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs Team with a focus on networking and settling into UGA and Athens. **All postdocs** are encouraged to attend and network with their colleagues and beverages and snacks will be provided. Click [here](#) to see additional upcoming events this fall hosted by OPA.

Postdoc Association Monthly Meetup



Come join us on **Friday, August 22nd** at **6 pm** at **Little King's Shuffle Club** in downtown Athens for a relaxed, informal social gathering. All are invited!

Available Resources

Past Professional Development Event Resources:

Need to catch up on events you missed? Summary notes, PowerPoint slides, and videos from Postdoc-specific career development workshops from 2022-2025 can be found at <https://postdocs.uga.edu/calendar/>.

Recent workshops held this past spring include:

- Panel Discussion: Transitioning from Academia to Industry
- Preparing Application Materials for an Academic Job Search
- Careers Inside, Outside, and Next To Academia
- Career Resilience and Life Design for Postdocs
- How to Develop a New Course

UGA Postdoc Portal for Career Development:

A [portal](#) providing information regarding postdoc fellowships and positions as well as faculty position listings.

UGA Involvement Network:

Discover events happening on campus or in your area at [\[campuslabs.com\]](https://campuslabs.com)campuslabs.com.

Non-UGA affiliated events in Athens, GA:

Event calendars for local events in Athens can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

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