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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](#).

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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](mailto:pdassoc@uga.edu) if you are interested or have any questions.

## Join our monthly PDA board meeting

PDA board meetings occur on the last Thursday of every month and are open to all PDA members. Interested to hear our plans for the coming month or have a new idea to pitch? Come join the conversation on Zoom using the following link: <https://zoom.us/s/99788634766>. This month's meeting will be held **Thursday, September 25th** from **10-11 am**.

## Upcoming Events

### September 9 Deadline for Postdoctoral Scholar Travel

#### Program

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs provides support for domestic and foreign travel for **two purposes**: 1) to present active research at national and international conferences as an oral presentation and/or 2) participation in professional development events, such as formal workshops or training sessions. The deadline for the September 2025 cycle is **Tuesday, September 9th**. The submission form is available on the [UGA-Office of Research InfoReady webpage](#). [Click here for full guidelines](#).

### National Postdoc Appreciation Week: Pasta Feast

The week of September 15-19 is National Postdoc Appreciation Week (NPAW)! UGA's Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is hosting a pasta luncheon catered by Olive Garden on **Thursday, September 18th** from **11:30 am - 1:30 pm** in the **Coverdell Rotunda and Atrium**. This is a free event, but postdocs must **register [here](#) by Sept 12th** to attend.

### National Postdoc Appreciation Week: FREE Head Shots

As part of the NPAW celebration, OPA is additionally providing an opportunity for postdocs to get **free professional head shots** provided by Wingate Downs Photography. This event will happen concurrently with the pasta lunch on **Thursday, September 18th** from **11:30 am - 1:30 pm** in the **Coverdell Rooms 340 and S341** on the third floor. Those interested must **register [here](#) by Sept 12th** to attend.

### National Postdoc Appreciation Week: Lunch at Tifton

## Campus

Postdocs at UGA's Tifton campus are similarly invited to a free catered lunch on **Wednesday, September 17th at 12 pm** in the **NESPAL Building Seminar Room (Rm 126)**. Come share and connect with fellow Tifton campus postdocs! Please **RSVP [here](#) by Sept 12th** to attend.

## UGA Postdoc Writing Group

Currently working on a grant application, manuscript draft, or similar? Come join the new UGA postdoc virtual writing group **Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** from **9-11 am**. Zoom link is <https://zoom.us/j/99788634766>. All are welcome and registration is not required; additionally, feel free to join for only part of the session if unable to make the full 2 hours.

## Postdoc Association Monthly Social Meetup

Come join us on **Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** 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/>.

In August, UGA's Office of Postdoctoral Affairs held a session on Preparing Application Materials for Academic Positions led by Dr. Jessica Muilenberg. If you weren't able to attend, see PowerPoint Slides from the presentation as well as recorded video of the session posted [here](#).

Additional 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](https://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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