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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:

- Upcoming events
- Links to materials from past events
- Available resources

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.

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 \(Passcode: 728783\)](#). This month's meeting will be held **Thursday, October 30th** from **10-11 am**.

Upcoming Events

Grant Writing Workshop

Reminder for those already registered - UGA's Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, in partnership with the Office of Strategic Research and Development, will be holding a grant writing session on **Wednesday, October 8th (today!)** from **12 - 2 pm** in **Coverdell Center Rm S175**. This workshop will be led by the Director of UGA's Office of Strategic Research Development Jacob Maas, M.A. This session will cover grant writing generally and is meant for postdocs of all skill levels. An initial 1h presentation and Q&A session will be followed by 1 hour of working on your proposal summary, abstract, or specific aims page in small groups. The second part of the session is optional and for in-person attendees only.

UGA Postdoc Writing Group

Currently working on a grant application, manuscript draft, or similar? Come join the UGA postdoc virtual writing group **Monday, October 13th** from **12-2 pm**. 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.

International Postdoc Immigration Information and Q&A

Session

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs will hold an information and Q&A session for international postdocs on **Thursday, October 16th** from **10:30-12:00 pm** in **Coverdell Center S341**. Come join us, bring your questions, and meet other international scholars at UGA!

Postdoc Association Monthly Social Meetup

Come join us on **Friday, October 24th** at **6 pm** at **The Root** in downtown Athens for a relaxed, informal social gathering. All are invited!

Postdoc Professional Development: Tailoring Application

Materials

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs will hold an information session focused on tailoring application materials for **academic jobs** and for **industry positions** alike, co-led by OPA's Dr. Jessica Muilenberg and Dr. Shavannor Smith from the UGA Department of Plant Pathology. This event will be held on **Tuesday, October 28th** from **9:00-11:00 am** in **Coverdell Center S341**.

Coming up next month:

NIH Career Workshop (virtual)

Register [here](#) to attend a virtual, free NIH career workshop occurring Nov. 3 - 6. This symposium will highlight career paths available to biomedical researchers. Click [here](#) for the event advertisement and further information.

Postdoc Professional Development: Academic Job Search / On-

Campus Interviews

UGA's Office of Postdoctoral Affairs will provide information and advice on navigating the academic job search and putting your best foot forward during on-campus interviews next month on **Monday, November 10th** from **9:00-11:00 am** in **Coverdell Center S341**.

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 [\[campuslabs.com\]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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