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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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**NEW: 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](mailto: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 where you completed your PhD, the focus of your PhD thesis/dissertation, and any professional experience before 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.

## 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 \(Passcode: 728783\)](#). This month's meeting will be held **Thursday, November 20th** from **10-11 am**.

## Upcoming Events

### NIH Career Workshop (virtual)



Register [here](#) to attend a virtual, free NIH career workshop occurring **November 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 on **Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** from **9:00-11:00 am** in **Coverdell Center S341**.

### SPECIAL EVENT: Postdoc Association BBQ

You're invited to a barbeque held by UGA's Postdoc Association coming up on **Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** at **6 pm** in the **Complex Carbohydrate Research Center (CCRC) Building balcony** (315 Riverbend Rd, Athens). Please bring your friends and family along! We would love to meet you. Food served will include meat (no beef) including halal meat, vegetarian options, fish, sides, and soft drinks. Feel free to bring dishes to share if you would like. [RSVP here](#) by Nov 17<sup>th</sup> so we can get a head count and purchase food

accordingly.

## UGA Postdoc Writing Group

Currently working on a grant application, manuscript draft, or similar? Come join the UGA postdoc virtual writing group **Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** from **10 am-12 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.

## Coming up next month:

### In-Person Writing Group

Stay tuned for a special in-person writing group session coming up in early December - time, date and location TBD soon. We will provide coffee, snacks, a quiet space, and comradery as we work towards our writing goals together!

## 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 October, Dr. Jessica Muilenberg and Dr. Shavannor Smith co-led a session to peer-review and improve application materials for academic and industry positions including CVs, cover letters, research statements, and teaching statements. See PowerPoint Slides and recorded video from this workshop [here](#) and don't hesitate to reach out to Drs. Muilenberg and Smith for feedback on your materials at any time!

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](#).

In July, the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs held a panel discussion led by Dr. Krista Capps on Transitioning from Academia to Industry. Find video of the discussion [here](#) as well as a summary of [key take-away messages](#) from the session.

Additional recent workshops held this past spring include:

- 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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