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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) 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. 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 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 **Wednesday, December 17th** from **2-3 pm**.

Upcoming Events

Postdoc Professional Development: Preparing for the Academic

Job Interview

UGA's Office of Postdoctoral Affairs will provide information and advice on putting your best foot forward during Academic Job on-campus interviews on **Monday, December 8th** from **9:00-11:00 am** in **Coverdell Center S341**.

Webinar Series: How to Decide Between an Academic and a Non-Academic Career

Are you asking yourself the following questions: what other career options are available to PhDs in my discipline? How can I identify career pathways that are right for me? What can I do with my PhD? And, how do I build a community to help me navigate my job search? To help answer these questions, Beyond the Professoriate will hold [a virtual workshop](#) for graduate students and postdocs on **Monday, December 8th - Thursday, December 11th** every day from **12:00-12:45 pm**. Please register to attend [here](#) by selecting University of Georgia from the drop-down list and signing in with your SSO credentials.

- December 8 - Introduction to Optimal Career Pathway/How to decide
- December 9 - How to identify your values
- December 10 - How to identify your most marketable skills
- December 11 - How to build your network using on campus resources

UGA Postdoc Writing Group: IN PERSON SESSION

Currently working on a grant application, manuscript draft, or similar? Come join the UGA postdoc writing group for our first in-person session this coming **Wednesday**,

December 17th from 9 am - 12 pm in Coverdell Center S175. **Coffee and snacks will be provided!** To ensure we provide adequate food and drink for all, please [RSVP here](#) by December 14th so we can get a head count. Attendance for the full session is not required; feel free to join/leave within any time window the morning of the 17th as best fits your schedule. We look forward to seeing you there!

Coming up next month:

Webinar: Why a Successful Job Search is a Focused Job Search

Learn how to target your nonacademic job search for the career path that best fits your skill set in [this virtual workshop](#) for graduate students and postdocs on **Wednesday, January 14th** from 12:00-12:45 pm. Please register to attend [here](#) by selecting University of Georgia from the drop-down list and signing in with your SSO credentials.

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 November, Elizabeth White of UGA Libraries provided an information session on Finding Grant Funding for Postdocs using Pivot and the Foundation Directory. See PowerPoint Slides and recorded video from this workshop [here](#).

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. PowerPoint Slides and recorded video from this session are available [here](#).

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.

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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