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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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Upcoming UGA Postdoc Association Spring Seminar!

We're organizing our annual research spring symposium for UGA Postdocs, a catered full-day event in which we come together to share our research, network, and participate in a career development workshop led by an invited keynote speaker. We had a fantastic turnout last year and hope to welcome even more participants this year!

We are targeting a date in the third or fourth week of May. **Please, take a moment to answer [this brief survey](#)** so that we can a) fix a precise date when the majority of respondents are available, and b) arrange the format and career track orientation of the symposium as best fits current interest.

Ask to be featured in our Postdoc Spotlight!

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.

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, March 26th** from **9:30-10:30 am**.

Upcoming Events

Webinar: How to Build and Grow Your Network for Non-Academic Jobs

Beyond the Professoriate will present [this virtual workshop](#) for graduate students and postdocs focused on finding and researching potential non-academic employers on **Wednesday, March 18th** 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.

Coffee and Conversations: Navigating Conflict

UGA's Office of Postdoctoral Affairs will hold a Coffee & Conversations session focused on navigating conflict within professional settings on **Friday, March 27th** from **9:00-10:00 am** in **Coverdell Center S341**. Come join the discussion - coffee and snacks will be provided!

Coming up next month

Webinar: How to Build a Standout LinkedIn Profile

Beyond the Professoriate will present [this virtual workshop](#) for graduate students and postdocs focused on building a highly effective LinkedIn profile on **Wednesday, April 1st** 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.

Coffee and Conversations: Battling Imposter Syndrome

Struggling to feel like you belong in the fast-paced, competitive, hyperintelligent world of higher ed? You're not alone! UGA OPA will hold a Coffee & Conversations session focused on battling imposter syndrome on **Thursday, April 23rd** from **9:00-10:00 am** in **Coverdell Center S341**. As always, coffee and snacks will be provided.

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/>.

This past 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 2025, 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 2025, 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 2025, 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 [\[campuslabs.com\]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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