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# Postdoctoral Association UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

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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 Research Symposium!

Come present your research as either an oral presentation or a poster, meet your fellow UGA postdocs, and attend a career development workshop at this all-day catered event on **Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** from **9:00 am - 5:00 pm** in **Coverdell Center S175, Lobby, and Rotunda**. Stay posted for a registration form and detailed schedule of events. Hope to see you all there!

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](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. 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](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, April 30th** from **9:30-10:30 am**.

## Upcoming Events

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>** 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.

### Webinar: How to Stand Out in a Competitive Job Market

We're currently facing one of the toughest job markets in years for those pursuing a career in science. Beyond the Professoriate will present [this virtual workshop](#) for graduate students and postdocs tailored towards ensuring you stand out as a competitive candidate for positions on **Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** 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's Office of Postdoctoral Affairs will hold a Coffee & Conversations session focused on battling imposter syndrome on **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** from **9:00-10:00 am** in **Coverdell Center S341**. As always, coffee and snacks will be provided.

## Coming up next month

## Webinar Series: Annual PhD Career Conference

Beyond the Professoriate will present [this virtual career conference](#) for graduate students and postdocs designed to help PhDs build a strong foundation for a successful nonacademic job search. This conference will run **May 4-8** daily 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: Handling Rejection

UGA OPA will hold a Coffee & Conversations session geared towards increasing resiliency to rejection - something many of us on the job market are facing right now! Come join the conversation and get some helpful advice on **Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** from **9:00-10:00 am** in **Coverdell Center S341**.

## UGA Postdoctoral Association Annual Spring Symposium

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## 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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