Beyond the PI's Grant: Alternative Models for Funding & Training Postdocs

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DEFINITION

post·doc \( (p\ddot{os}(t)d\ddot{a}k) \) n.

A postdoctoral scholar ("postdoc") is an individual holding a doctoral degree who is engaged in a temporary period of mentored research and/or scholarly training for the purpose of acquiring the professional skills needed to pursue a career path of his or her choosing.
Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

What we do:

- Facilitate hiring and onboarding new postdocs
- Develop, promote, and enforce postdoc-specific policies
- Maintain and report postdoc data
- Advocate for postdocs and their mentors
- Coordinate the UGA Postdoc Association
- Offer broad professional development programming and community building resources for postdocs

https://research.uga.edu/opa/
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UGA Postdoctoral Affairs

General information resources:
Office of Postdoc Affairs (administrative information)

Postdoc Portal (resources for postdocs)

Community building:
Postdoc Association :
--Monthly Postdoc Social Hour: On every last Friday of the month.

Coffee and Conversations series Monthly informal meetings with the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs. All postdocs are welcome each month, with a focus on special topics or communities each month.
Community Building

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COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS
2023-2024
COVERDELL 340/CVERDELL 104; 8:30 - 9:30 AM
SPECIAL TOPIC EACH MONTH. ALL POSTDOCS WELCOME.
*POSTDOCS ON DISTANT CAMPUSES CAN REQUEST A ZOOM LINK

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Professional development

AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE ACADEMIC JOB SEARCH

Panel Discussion

Featured Panelists:

- Ryan Powers, Assistant Professor, International Affairs
- Hilda Kurtz, Professor and Head, Department of Geography
- Emily Noble, Associate Professor, Nutritional Sciences
- Katie Billmyre, Assistant Professor, Department of Genetics
- Brandon Rotavera, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry
- Leo Lombardini, Professor and Head, Department of Horticulture

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and the Postdoctoral Association will cohost an academic job search process panel discussion on December 19th, 3:30 - 5 PM in Pharmacy South Room 101. Snacks will be provided.

Link to Registration

*In person participation is encouraged; if you are at a satellite campus, contact opa@uga.edu for a Zoom link.
Professional development

Past professional development events
Recruiting

Direct Hire or full search

UGA Jobs: [https://research.uga.edu/opa/](https://research.uga.edu/opa/)

Coming soon: Recruiting packets!
Beyond the PI's grant

- Institutional training program: FFIRE
- Fellowship program: Erin Dolan
- Training grants: CTEGD and Math RTG
- Experiential: Innovation Gateway
Future Faculty for Inclusive Research Excellence (FFIRE) Program

MAXIMIZING PARTICIPATION TO OPTIMIZE IMPACT
The Scientists Engaged in Education Research (SEER) Center at the University of Georgia is welcoming its inaugural cohort of Four (4) Postdoctoral Fellows in Biology Education Research!

- Each Fellow will be co-mentored by experts in biology education and relevant social science fields (e.g., cognitive psychology, educational psychology, higher education, measurement).
- Each Fellow will be appointed for two (2) years with $70,000 annual salary and benefits (retirement, healthcare) with the option to continue pending availability of funds.
- Fellows will choose a defined cross-disciplinary research project to carry out to advance their knowledge and skills AND be supported in developing their own independent research project.
- Research training will be complemented by cohort-based and individualized professional development, including options to gain teaching and mentoring experience, complete certifications, interact with a national group of experts, write papers and proposals, network at national/international meetings, explore career options, and search and apply for jobs.

To learn more: https://seercenter.uga.edu/berpostdoc/

Questions? Contact Erin Dolan (eldolan@uga.edu) or Logan Fiorella (lfiorella@uga.edu)
Training Grants

Research Training Support Group:

https://research.uga.edu/integrative-teams/rts-group/

Two current UGA training grants include postdocs:

• NIH T32: Center for Tropical and Emerging Global Diseases, PI: Silvia Moreno
  https://training.ctegd.uga.edu/

• NSF-RTG: Brand New!! Mathematics department, PI: David Gay
Postdoctoral Licensing Associate Program

Experiential training program:
Open to PhD graduates interested in exploring technology transfer and intellectual property:

• Gain hands-on experience and training
• Become an integral member of the commercialization team
• Full-time, paid position with a highly-ranked technology transfer office
• One- to three-year term, renewable annually
• Excellent step towards a career in tech transfer or IP management

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Thank you!

Questions?