

OSU PDA Monthly Meeting Agenda (Minutes in Red)

Wednesday, August 15th, 2018; 352 Research Commons, 12-1pm

Background: The PDA was established in January 2013 with support from the Office of Research, is run by Postdoc volunteers, and supported by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA), the Postdoc Advisory Council (PAC), advisors from the Office of Research and colleges throughout the university. The purpose of PDA is to address the needs and concerns of its members by:

Providing representation and liaison between its members and the administration

Advocating for constructive changes in the research environment and in policies that affect the lives of postdocs and their families

Promoting the academic and non-academic career goals of its members

Building a community of postdocs by promoting interaction between postdocs on academic, social, cultural and political issues

National Postdoc Association (NPA)

General PDA Business	Sara Koenig and Douglas Cheung
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-chair position is open• Douglas is leaving for a new job, congratulations!• Volunteers needed for PDA orientations: August 22nd, September 26th, October 24th, November 28th• Nathalie (8/22), Nov 28th/ Sara (11/28)• Budget updates• Please provide updated budgets so that can keep track of spending for next of year• No update from OPA this meeting	
International	Faith Brennan and Mona El Refaey
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ~34 post-docs attended the International Visa and Immigration panel last Friday, plus extra live streaming. We're running a follow up survey for suggestions for future events like this.• Very successful panel, biggest streaming audience (12), hoping to do this quarterly	
Policy and Advocacy	Leanna Perez and Douglas Cheung
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report on Great Lakes Regional PDA meeting• Regional meeting went well, better turnout than expected, Cleveland, Case, Pitt, Michigan, at least 1-2 from each institution. Planning a survey that could be standard across institutions to allow for comparison (benefits, child care, training hours, etc). Most of time spent discussin potential questions. Starting with Case's work. Similar challenges, hoping to do meeting in future.	
Social	Atsuko Uchida and Rudra Purusottam
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBD• Happy Hour will be 8/20 Friday, flyer will be coming;• Sept 16th picnic and hike at Alum Creek. Evenly split. Ice cream social during NP appreciation week. Atsuko will send out doodle poll to make decision	
Professional Development	Angela Filous and Mahesh Chemudupati
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• September (date TBA) - Preparing a research statement• October 11th - ThermoFisher Career Discussion Panel• October 18th - UCAT Teaching Portfolios For Career Development• (Early) November - Interviewing Skills• December - Wellness Seminar• December - Alumni Networking Event? Holiday Party• Spring Career Fair (looking at May 2019)	

- Bio Ohio speaker last spring—they connect academic inst and biotech companies across Ohio. Other career paths not necc in sciences

Development and Events

Nathalie Houssin

- PDA/VWR Vendor Show
 - **September 18th, 2018 10am-2:30pm, BRT**
 - Details on PDA website: <https://u.osu.edu/postdocs/events/>
 - For volunteering to the Vendor show, sign-up for a timeslot on the excel sheet. Remember to add your OSU email in the timeslot.
 - **Details about the event are on PDA website, why we are doing this**
- Research Showcase
 - **October 2nd, 2018 9am-5pm**
 - Volunteers needed to pick up poster stands before the event (October 1st, 2018) to install them in BRT 115 (it will take an hour). Sign up on this google spreadsheet: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Le9pizTqoMznyjr00-htNDd1MadCu9JuEKRIBVx5QzA/edit?ts=5b4ccff1#gid=0>
 - Advertising letters will be sent within 2 weeks and we are still looking for volunteers
 - **On website, poster template is available, not expected to be at poster all day, 1-2 hr timeslot to be with your mentor. Research opp for undergrads and opp to showcase mentorship for postdocs. Need volunteers to help set up poster stands!**

Travel awards

Manoj Gottipati

- Volunteers for Travel Award Committee needed
- **Next cycle opening in October. Asking for feedback on the process, anything more clear, will send out survey.**

Website Admin and Marketing

Manoj Gottipati

- Event info should be sent in a timely manner

Treasurer

Nathalie Houssin

- Current balance: \$17,260.37
- For all catering orders, please email Fatima at least a week ahead of your event so that she has time to put an eRequest.

Secretary

Laura Chavez

The next monthly meeting is as scheduled:

- September 19th, BRT Room 130
- October 17th, Research Commons Room 352
- November 21st, BRT Room 134
- December 19th, Research Commons Room 352