

OSU PDA Monthly Meeting Agenda and Minutes (in red)

Wednesday, January 17th, 2018; BRT 134, 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	Jessica Irons and Sara Koenig
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orientation volunteers needed: March 14, April 11 at 4pm• Two volunteers were recruited to present about the PDA for upcoming orientations thank you!• PDA scholarships for OPA Academic & Professional English workshop• OPA will be introducing professional ESL workshops in levels that can be continued from spring into fall, and considering a class on American culture. Announcements will be coming shortly over the listserv. The PDA voted to provide 3 half scholarships for postdocs to attend English workshops. Postdocs who accept the scholarships will be asked to volunteer time to PDA.• Anyone interested in being part of a committee to organize a research forum this spring contact Nathalie (houssin.1@osu.edu), Jess (irons.39@osu.edu), or Sara (sara.koenig@osumc.edu).	
Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA)	Marcela Hernandez
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President's Postdoctoral Scholars Program• Eligible postdocs will be restricted to tenured PIs. The awards will offer funding for 2 years, review for second year of funding. More information to come on PDA listserv, applications due in March, preference for postdocs with less than 5 years of postdoctoral experience. PIs must provide a mentoring statement that will be evaluated for progress at end of year one.	
International	Faith Brennan and Mona El Refaey
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tax information session planned for February 2018.	
Policy and Advocacy	Leanna Perez and Douglas Cheung
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No updates	
Social	Atsuko Uchida and Rudra Purusottam
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recruiting social committees —Please let us know if you know someone to be interested in our activities.	
Professional Development	Amara Greer-Short and Angela Filous
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• February: Teaching Opportunities Panel (Angela)• March: BioOhio (Amara) or Transition to Industry (Sujeet)• April: Decision-making and stress management (Mahesh)	
Development	Nathalie Houssin

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates 	
Communications	Manoj Gottipati
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please send event updates, with the flier, as early as possible so they can be put up on the website and Facebook page • If anyone is interested in expanding our social media efforts, please contact Manoj (or stay after the meeting to discuss) gottipati.5@osu.edu 	
Treasurer	Nathalie Houssin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current balance TBD. • Reimbursements: Give Nathalie the original receipt and a copy of the event flyer (houssin.1@osu.edu) 	
Secretary	Laura Chavez
<p>Next monthly meetings are as scheduled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 21st, Research Commons 352 • March 21st, BRT 134 • April 18th, Research Commons 352 • May 16th, James L045 	