

OSU PDA Monthly Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 20, 2019, DHLRI 165 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 Leanna Perez
<ul style="list-style-type: none">NPA meeting goals for Policy and AdvocacyPDA listservLeadership training	
Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA)	Marcela Hernandez
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Buckeye Science and Engineering Fair (BSEF) Looking for judges Look out for email reminderThe Annual Banquet and Research Symposium for our Ohio State chapter of Sigma Xi will be on Thursday, April 18 from 5-9 pm in room 115 of the Biomedical Research Tower (460 W. 12th Ave). Look out for email reminderUK Symposium OSU postdocs invited to participate. May 31st. Could host something like this in the future at OSU or in collaboration with UK. A lot of progress on minimum salary requirement for postdocs, hope to have something announced in the next month.	
International Committee	Faith Brennan and Mona El Refaey
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Looking for another co-chairWe posted the information/slides from tax session on the PDA website to be a source for all/international postdocs before filing tax papers. A lot of postdocs emailed us tax questions.Planning for the next Immigration session in late July/early August Looking to hire someone to have someone walk through tax process for international postdocs, next year. There will be a survey to gauge what would be helpful for international committee to offer in future.	
Social Committee	Ayala Allon and Jennifer Gomez Pastora
<ul style="list-style-type: none">We had the February Happy Hour on Feb 22 at the District PourHouse. Next Happy Hour: March 22 at 6:30 at Old North Arcade.We also organized an international potluck on Feb 17 (winter picnic), at the Buckeye Village Recreation Hall.Thanks to Nathalie's idea, we are organizing a "Movie Night". It will take place in April and more details will be provided soon! Probably April 5th but still confirmingWe are also working with other PDA members on organizing new type of events for families. More information to come by next meeting	

- We are recruiting some new social committee members including a chair. Please let us know if you are interested in or you know some candidates.

Professional Development Committee

Angela Filous and Mahesh Chemudupati

- Scientific writing/editing seminar in May (details to be announced)—**will be led by someone who is a scientific editor at an academic journal**
Please send any ideas you have. We have more budget for the next year to allocate to invited speakers, etc.

Policy and Advocacy Committee

Leo Taylor and Hardy Castada

- “Navigating your rights during your postdoctoral training” will be held Friday May 17th, 9-11am
Emphasis on ethical conduct of research from perspective of post-doc, what is appropriate expectations, compensation, recognizing unconscious bias, etc.
Location to be determined.
- Update: Parking permit survey has 203 respondents as of March 18. Survey closes March 27th
Please respond to survey so that we have data to provide to campus park!

Development Committee

Nathalie Houssin

- **Spring Undergraduate Research Festival: March 26th 2019 at the Union.** 10 teams scheduled to present over for sessions (morning/afternoon) - Need volunteers for judging

- **Flash-Talk Showdown sponsored by ThermoFisher : May 8th 2019 in BRT 115 from 8am to 12pm.**

15 participants – extension to the **22nd of March 2019**

The program:

- Opening remarks – PDA officer
- First session: 8 participants
- “Talk to a specialist’ during the coffee break with healthy snacks provided by Thermofisher/PDA
- Second session: 7 participants
- Trivia session managed by the Thermofisher specialists /deliberation time
- Awards and concluding remarks

A workshop on *how to make an efficient Presentation* is in preparation in collaboration with the writing Center for mid-April

We need **volunteers** for welcoming the attendees and monitoring the coffee break/snacks station as well as for helping in the judging - If you are interested, please email me directly: houssin.1@osu.edu

- **PDA/VWR Vendor Show meeting: September 24th 2019 BRT 115, 10a-2p**

- This year, our Vendor Show will happen **September the 24th 2019 in** BRT115 and lobby from 10h to 2pm
- Catering that will be taken in charge by the PDA (we will use Giant Eagle platters) and the drinks will be provided by the Coke donation
- As for the gift cards, we think we will renew what has been done last year and some big prizes (gift cards of \$25 to \$50 may be linked to the symposium) will be sponsored by VWR

- **Development committee recruiting**

The development committee is still recruiting **volunteers!**

This committee is central to help the PDA fundraising and giving exposure to the postdoc community through sponsored events. It is also a good opportunity to learn more about OSU organization.

If you are interesting in joining the committee, please email me directly: houssin.1@osu.edu

Travel awards

Manoj Gottipati

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We had 35 applications that were submitted for the Summer cycle of the PDA travel awards. We are in the process of sending them out for reviews and hopefully have the results announced in 2-3 weeks time. 		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please send event updates at least 1-2 weeks ahead of time so that Manoj can post everything in a timely manner New plans for website updates in 2019 		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our current balance is \$12,192.87 		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next PDA meeting will be April 17th, 12pm to 1pm, research commons 		