

OSU PDA Monthly Meeting Agenda (Minutes in Red)

Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 2018, 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 Leanna Perez**

- Reminder Executive member meetings are before the monthly PDA meetings
- Updates from Asmita on University Research Committee meeting in November  
URC is proposing to update OSU guidelines for the direct/indirect facilities costs that can be included in budget justifications for research funding proposals. They are also conducting a survey of progress report for faculty hired through discovery themes.
- Joining with the Denman to reschedule the Postdoc Mentorship Poster Competition  
Posters would highlight your teaching philosophy and approach mentorship, could be a collaborative poster with undergrad mentee. Idea is that is provide an opportunity to showcase your mentorship and can be on your resume/CV. More info to come on.
- Travel awards for the NPA Conference  
When OPA hears about whether the abstracts that the PDA submitted for poster presentations are accepted for the national meeting, will make scholarships available. The NPA conference is a great opportunity for postdocs who are interested in collaborating with other postdocs in policy and advocacy (April 2019).
- New postdoc orientation: need someone for this Thursday at 3:30pm BRT  
Please talk to Leanna if you can do this!

**Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA)**

**Marcela Hernandez**

- Announcement regarding Certification Program  
Should have gotten an email if you had previously contacted OPA about being interested in certification through buckeye learn for past workshops/seminars you attended. Your transcript should now be updated. Moving forward, need to request certification through buckeye learn prior to the event!
- Lunch with a Professor  
You can get money to take out a professor for lunch, coffee, breakfast. Purpose to incentivize network beyond your lab/department (can't be in your department, can be from outside OSU, e.g. visiting speaker, etc). So far only 1 postdoc has applied. Go to OPA website for more info!
- Exploring Consulting Careers  
Morning and afternoon sessions, collaboration with OUAB and Nationwide Children's Hospital, both sessions still have room!

**International Committee**

**Faith Brennan and Mona El Refaey**

- Start planning for the tax session. We will plan for January this year to be able to get more panel members from tax experts on campus.
- Looking for another co-chair  
Please contact co-chairs if you are interested! They will be available for transition time as new co-chairs learn the ropes!

<b>Social Committee</b>	<b>Ayala Allon and Jennifer Gomez Pastora</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 17<sup>th</sup>, postdoc Happy Hour at Chumley's- updates about turn-out</li> <li>• December 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm: Postdoc Happy Hour at The Bottle Shop ☺  Planning a coffee break, probably Jan 14<sup>th</sup> after room confirmation, between 12-1:30, lunch time to try to get more attendance.  Survey will ask about types of events that you are most interested in (please fill it out!)</li> </ul>	
<b>Professional Development Committee</b>	<b>Angela Filous and Mahesh Chemudupati</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October: ThermoFisher Career Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>October 11<sup>th</sup> 11:30am - 1:30pm, BRT 105</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• October: UCAT Teaching Portfolios for Career and Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>October 18<sup>th</sup> 10 - 11:30am, 220 Younkin Success Center</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Updates for December?  In January Rev-1 will host a seminar on what it is like to work in a start-up. Information to come.  Interview skills workshop by Emily Bowman, their company is looking to hire research scientists!</li> </ul>	
<b>Policy and Advocacy Committee</b>	<b>Leo Taylor and Hardy Castada</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Postdoc status and parking permits  Postdocs are currently categorized as A&amp;B staff for parking, even though salary is much lower compared to other A/B staff. Thus, postdocs are not allowed access to less expensive parking permit options. The committee is interested in pursuing this issue to see if changes can be made to categorization.  Other initiatives?  Considering proposing a "Knowing your rights" seminar, to inform postdocs about the policies and protections are in place to protect postdocs.  All postdocs should now be able to review their leave accrual in their HR acct. If your leave is not up to date let Marcela know.</li> </ul>	
<b>Development Committee</b>	<b>Nathalie Houssin</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3min-talk Day sponsored by Fisher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b></li> <li>○ Fisher will sponsor several travel awards to acknowledge postdocs' skills in presenting their work</li> <li>○ Call for judging for the event  Goal is to allow postdocs to present work, Fisher may participate in a travel award (maybe around \$1000)  More to come in mid-January on this event!</li> </ul> </li> <li>• PDA-Vendor show follow-up meeting</li> <li>• Development Committee recruiting  Protocol is available for Vendor Show on the Box for co-chairs, need volunteer to take over!</li> </ul>	
<b>Travel awards</b>	<b>Manoj Gottipati</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PDA travel award survey update  35 reviewers volunteered, 22 applications, which will allow multiple reviewers per application  Winners will be announced before Christmas.</li> </ul>	
<b>Website Admin and Marketing</b>	<b>Manoj Gottipati</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please send event updates at least 1-2 weeks ahead of time so that Manoj can post everything in a timely manner</li> </ul>	
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Nathalie Houssin</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our current balance is \$14,983.95 (without counting the travel awards)</li> </ul>	
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Laura Chavez</b>
The next monthly meetings are as scheduled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December 19<sup>th</sup>, Research Commons Room 352</li> <li>• January meeting will include the presentations about committee initiatives for 2019</li> </ul>	