

OSU PDA Monthly Meeting Agenda (Minutes in Red)

Wednesday, Sept 19th, 2018; BRT 130, 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">• Leanna Perez will start as a new co-chair in October—Unanimous vote, thank you Leanna!• Thank you to Douglas Cheung for his service to the PDA• An additional URC (University Research Committee) Postdoc representative needed—Angela Filous• TCO- looking for another post-doc intern, Time commitment is 5 hours per week, but requires approval from PI, PI required to meet with them. Help them analyze invention disclosure, to see if prior inventions and marketable, and identifying licenses, helping translate bench science. Contact Marcela if interested	
Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA)	Marcela Hernandez
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leave policies effective Oct 1!• If there are specific questions contact osupostdocs@osu.edu• Postdoctoral Professional Development Program Certification—email to those who registered will be sent out with more information. Can document the workshops and events that you have attended.• Survey to assess the mentoring environment at Ohio State—please complete, need diversity in responses, shouldn't take more than 15 mins• Thank you to Fatima for her service to the OPA/PDA• Process to replace Fatima will take some time, probably about a month will be under capacity, allow an extra week for planning ahead, now send to osupostdocs@osu.edu	
International Committee	Faith Brennan and Mona El Refaey
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning the January tax session to get more tax experts on campus as panel members• Trying to do session earlier this year when tax experts are less busy• Will go through the follow up survey of the last Immigration session to get suggestions for future events• Some suggestions were to address more specific issues, like transition from visa to greencard etc	
Social Committee	Atsuko Uchida and Rudra Purusottam
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous Happy Hour (August 24th at Monarch) follow-up:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 10 people came with great discussions• The 6th Annual Summer Picnic (September 16th at Alum Creek) follow-up:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 20 postdocs attended with their families (total participant number > 50)• Ice Cream Social<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Today September 19th 1:15 - 2:45pm, BRT 115• Happy Hour<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Friday September 28th 6 - 8pm, The District PourHouse at Gateway	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giant Eagle is a good option for catering orders and groceries (eRequest accepted) • For events that require reservations of external facilities (picnic shelter etc.), prepare at least one month in advance as it takes more time to process payments 	
Professional Development Committee	Angela Filous and Mahesh Chemudupati
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September: Preparing a research statement—optimizing academic career search <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ September 28th 12 - 1pm, Research Commons 352 • October: ThermoFisher Career Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ October 11th 11:30am - 1:30pm, BRT 105 • October: UCAT Teaching Portfolios for Career and Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ October 18th 10 - 11:30am, 220 Younkin Success Center 	
Development Committee	Nathalie Houssin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDA/VWR Vendor Show follow-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Great success, raised over \$12,000 thank you to volunteers! ○ 47 raffle winners, 25 gift cards will be sent to winners • Research Experience Showcase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ October 2nd 9am - 5pm, BRT ○ Waiting for participants to register. Extension of deadline to September 24th. ○ https://u.osu.edu/postdocs/events/research-experience-showcase/ ○ Sign up using the link on the PDA website and fill the survey, thank you! • 3min-talk Day sponsored by Fisher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early March ○ Fisher will sponsor several travel awards to acknowledge postdocs' skills in presenting their work. ○ Detailed program will be sent later 	
Travel awards	Manoj Gottipati
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDA travel award survey update • Spring 2019 travel award opening update and potential changes to the PDA travel award program 	
Website Admin and Marketing	Manoj Gottipati
<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 	
Treasurer	Nathalie Houssin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current balance: \$15,295.37 	
Secretary	Laura Chavez
<p>The next monthly meetings are as scheduled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 17th, Research Commons Room 352 • November 21st, BRT Room 134 • Decemeber 19th, Research Commons Room 352 	