



Texas A&M University

OFFICE OF POSTDOCTORAL AFFAIRS

The Texas A&M Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) serves and advocates for postdoctoral researchers and the faculty who train them. Texas A&M University trains more than 600 postdoctoral scholars who are performing research in diverse fields ranging from engineering to medicine to humanities.

NEW POSTDOCTORAL ORIENTATION

Texas A&M OPA provides an orientation workshop for the university's postdoctoral scholars every fall and spring semester.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Offered monthly, these intensive and interactive courses are geared towards facilitating core competencies established by the National Postdoctoral Association. Each features strategic topics for the professional development of postdoctoral scholars:

- ▶ **Career Development Series:** Focuses on topics relevant to building a career in an academic or non-academic environment.
- ▶ **Teaching Workshop Series:** Focuses on topics relevant to building a career in teaching.
- ▶ **Mentoring Workshop Series:** Applies evidence-based instruction to help postdoctoral scholars learn the skills necessary to become productive mentees as well as mentors to undergraduate and graduate students in their labs.

▶ **Postdoctoral Affairs Series:** Focuses on the common needs of postdoctoral fellows, such as maintaining wellness and managing visas.

▶ **Postdoctoral Mentoring Academy:** An interactive workshop that provides training on evidence-based mentorship competencies.

▶ **Individual Development Plan Workshop:** Details a planning process that identifies professional development needs and career objectives.

POSTDOCTORAL HANDBOOK

A useful resource on a variety of topics, from your first day at Texas A&M to living in Bryan-College Station area.
<https://u.tamu.edu/Postdoctoral-Handbook>

POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR TRAVEL AWARD

The Texas A&M Office of Postdoctoral Affairs offers up to five travel awards of \$500 twice a year.
<https://u.tamu.edu/Postdoc-TravelAwards>



ANNUAL POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

This event showcases the postdoctoral scholars' contribution to the research enterprise at Texas A&M.
<https://u.tamu.edu/Postdoc-Symposium>

RESOURCES

Calendar: <https://u.tamu.edu/PDA-Calendar>
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TEXAS A&M POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATION (TEXAS A&M PDA)

Texas A&M PDA fosters a sense of community among postdoctoral scholars, serving as an advocate for the postdoctoral scholars, and working to improve the quality of the postdoctoral experience at Texas A&M.

The association works closely with the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs to develop their professional development programming. It also provides opportunities for networking throughout the year.

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INSTITUTE OF BIOSCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY (IBT) POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATION, HOUSTON

The IBT Postdoctoral Association enhances the postdoctoral experience at the IBT, advocates for postdocs, and fosters a sense of community among postdoctoral fellows.

Workshops

The association's postdoctoral training program provides a world class, multi-disciplinary experience through cutting-edge translational and fundamental research; commercialization of research; and professional development.

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POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATION OF CHEMISTRY (PAC)

The PAC in the Department of Chemistry provides postdoctoral research associates with professional career development and training as well as support for family-work life. The mission of the PAC is to improve the quality of the postdoctoral experience and to facilitate the long-term success of its members. The PAC hosts professional development seminars and other events.

Workshops

The PAC offers a variety of workshops on relevant topics to postdoctoral trainees. Some examples are scientific writing, grantsmanship, public speaking and communication, and job seeking.

Website: chem.tamu.edu/pac/index.php

SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES (VMBS) POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATION

The mission of the School's Postdoctoral Association is to facilitate across-the-board improvement in the daily professional lives of all our constituent members. VMBS PDA strives to maintain excellence in our post-doctoral community by providing various professional development and networking opportunities which aim at enhancing professional growth, community building and collaborations and positive change.

Workshops

The School's Office of Research and Graduate Studies regularly offers a variety of impactful workshops specifically designed to develop the professional and academic skills of our postdoctoral trainees, such as scientific writing, grantsmanship, public speaking, and communication and conflict management. In addition, monthly VMBS PDA meetings include presentations from outstanding scientists and researchers on topics relevant to postdoctoral trainees.

Postdoctoral Travel Awards

The VMBS PDA twice yearly provides significant support to its qualifying members by offering a substantial number of travel awards for professional development. All received applications are evaluated based upon scientific merit, innovation and contribution to the field.

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE OFFICE OF POSTDOCTORAL AFFAIRS

The School of Medicine Office of Postdoctoral Affairs provides support for and enhances the training and development of postdoctoral researchers. The office delivers professional and career development programming for postdocs across the Health Science Center such as: postdoctoral orientation, workshops and seminars, scientific writing courses, and Aggie F Boot Camp (fellowship application course).

Texas A&M Health Postdoctoral Association (HSC-PDA)

The HSC-PDA improves the quality of the postdoctoral experience and facilitates the long-term success of its members. The HSC-PDA hosts monthly professional development seminars and other events

Postdoctoral Awards

The HSC-PDA offers two \$500 merit-based travel awards and one \$500 professional development award twice a year to qualifying postdoctoral scholars. See more at medicine.tamu.edu/postdoc

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Calendar: tinyurl.com/postdoccalendar

