What is the Postdoctoral Association (PDA)?
Meet your PDA representatives!!
We are here to help you and make FSU Postdoctoral training better and better.
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We welcome new representatives!!

• Leadership skills
• Collaborations across campus
• Collegiality with fellow PD scholars
• Job interviewing skills

This could be you!
Former Representatives and what they are doing now!

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PDA mission

- Represent postdocs across all units (colleges/departments)
- Advocate for policies to improve postdoctoral affairs (training, orientation, PI engagement...)
- Advocate for policies that improve postdoc conditions (benefits, minimum salary, maternity leave...)
- Advocates for resources and policies that enhance postdoctoral training
- Facilitate community building and networking by organizing postdoc events (training, socials, networking...)

→ READ THE WEEKLY DIGEST AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!!

@FSUPostdocs
What PDA has done for you so far

• Definition of a Postdoctoral Scholar
• Teaching Postdoctoral Scholars
• Preparing Future Faculty Certificate
• Minimum Salary and Retirement benefits
• Termination Policy
• Travel Awards
• Attend the NPA
• Postdoc Meal Plan

Working on!!!
Paid Time Off
Registering for Credits

Do you have activities, recruitment, career development, initiatives? Join us, together we can make it!

Strength in numbers!!!
• PDA events - Spring Workshop

• Nationally recognized keynote speakers
• Postdocs have the opportunity to ask questions to University leaders
• PDA members have input on content/organization

"The scholar who cherishes the love of comfort is not fit to be deemed a scholar."
Confucius (Chinese philosopher, c. 551-479 B.C.)

"Change means movement. Movement means friction. Only in the frictionless vacuum of a nonexistent abstract world can movement or change occur without that abrasive friction of conflict."
Saul Alinsky (U.S. political activist, 1902-1972)

"People who are aware of, and ashamed of, their prejudices are well on the road to eliminating them."
Gordon Allport (U.S. psychology professor, 1897-1967)
• PDA events – Appreciation Luncheon

• First time event was held
• Appreciation luncheon for both Postdocs and Mentors
• FSU wide event - networking opportunity
• 5MR demonstration presentations
PDA events - Fall Symposium

- Held during National Postdoc Appreciation Week (Friday 21st September)
- 5MR
  - 1st - $500
  - 2nd - $350
  - 3rd - $250
  - Presentation will be recorded
- Poster Competition
  - $250 for winner of each category
- Keynote speakers
  - Preparing for future faculty and industry positions

5MR Rules
The only two regulations that you must abide by are - (1) you have to explain the impact of your research in 5 minutes and (2) you have to do so alone (no teams). You are allowed to use ANY medium you want (slides, video, sing, dance, recite literature, props - anything) but must appeal to an Educated Lay Audience, Reach Across your Discipline, and Challenge your Audience to Want to Know More!

Registration will open soon (watch OPDA website under "Upcoming Events"), please see Debi Fadool for questions, dfadool@bio.fsu.edu

New Postdocs can present their research from their PhD thesis!
PDA events
Networking opportunities and Social!

Sumudu and Tiglet met at the Spring Event 2017, it turned into a collaboration and a paper!!!

Postdoc Social
2nd - 3rd Wednesday of the month!
After Postdoctoral Orientation
After Spring and Fall Events
Winter Social
Resources

Postdoctoral Association (PDA)
http://opda.fsu.edu/fsu-pda

FSU Postdoctoral List Serv
https://lists.fsu.edu/mailman/listinfo/postdoc-careerprog

Weekly Digest
http://opda.fsu.edu/newsletter