The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA)
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Mission Statement

To prepare the next generation of research leaders by enhancing the postdoctoral experience across the University through promotion of career development opportunities and advancing the quality of the training environment of Ohio State’s postdoctoral scholars and faculty mentors.
Office Structure

- Office of Research
- Graduate School
- Faculty Mentors
- PAC
- OPA
- PDA
- Postdoctoral Community
Staff

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The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs services:

- Research and professional development resources and opportunities
- Collect data on Ohio State postdoctoral scholars
- Recognition of postdoctoral scholars and mentors
- Membership in the National Postdoctoral Association

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs key initiatives:

- Advocacy for postdoctoral scholars
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Professional Development
- Improving mentoring skills for postdocs and faculty mentors
- Developing additional sources of postdoctoral funding
On boarding:
• New Postdoc Welcome letter
• New Postdoc Guide
• Postdoc Orientation

Professional Development
• Navigating Postdoctoral Training
• Preparing for Academic Careers
• Preparing for Non-Academic Careers

Advocacy
• Compensation and Benefits
• Access to university services

Recognition
• Faculty Mentor of the Year
• Postdoc Mentor of the year
• Postdoc Service
• Postdoc Engagement
Events:

• Salary Negotiation 3/19/18
• Mentoring Up 3/22
• Finding the Narrative in Your Research 4/16
• POSTDOCking at Ohio State 4/25
• Academic Writing 5/3/18
• The Business of Science 2-day Bootcamp 5/17-5/18

Funding

• Travel Awards to the NPA annual meeting
• Partnering with Departments and Faculty for industry collaborations
• The President’s Postdoctoral Scholars Program – Nominations due 3/15/18
The President’s Postdoctoral Scholars Program (PPSP)

Objective

Recruit, recognize or retain postdoctoral researchers that have potential to become leaders in their academic disciplines.
Mechanism of review

Applications include: a) Nomination letter from the faculty mentor/sponsor, b) support letter from the dean, c) education and background statement (500 words), d) a mentoring plan, e) diversity statement (500 words), f) three letters of recommendation, g) nominee’s curriculum vitae, and h) up to three examples of the nominee’s scholarly efforts.

March 15th  Application deadline
May 15th  Announcement of PPSP cohort
Characteristics of the postdoctoral community

**AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY:**

- Total Postdocs at Ohio State: 769
  - 86% Researchers, 14% Fellows
  - College of Medicine/Medical Center: 255
  - College of Arts & Sciences: 209
  - College of Engineering: 96
  - College of Food, Ag, & Env. Sciences: 71
  - College of Pharmacy: 36
  - College of Veterinary Medicine: 31
  - College of Education & Human Ecology: 22
  - College of Dentistry: 12
  - College of Public Health: 12
  - College of Optometry: 4
  - John Glenn College of Public Affairs: 3
  - College of Law: 2
  - College of Nursing: 2
  - Other/Research Centers: 14

- Nationality: 32% US Citizens, 68% International
- Ethnicity: 40% Asian, 39% White, 12.7% Undisclosed, 5.2% Latino, 2.6% Black, 0.5% Two or more races

- 41% Female, 59% Male

**ACROSS THE UNITED STATES:**

- Nationality: 38% US Citizens, 8% Permanent Residents, 54% International
- 43% Female, 57% Male
- <1% Other

**Percentage of Postdocs in Underrepresented Groups**

- Number of Institutions: 0-5% 6-10% 11-15% 16-20% >21%
- 29 23 5 4 3

- 7.8% of Ohio State Postdocs are from underrepresented groups

**Percentage of Postdocs on Temporary Visas**

- 0-9% 10-19% 30-39% 40-49% 50-59% 60-69% 70-70% 80-89%
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- 68% of Ohio State Postdocs are on temporary visas
Communicating with the OPA

Website  go.osu.edu/osupostdocs

Social Media  🐦  📌  🎥

E-mail

• Weekly e-mail to postdocs
• Quarterly newsletter for postdocs (in collaboration with the PDA)
• Monthly e-mail newsletter to mentors