Postdoc News

Professional Development Day - June 20, 2018
A day for postdocs to meet other postdocs and to pick up career tips.
- Landing the Right Reference Letter
- Funding Mayhem
- Acing the Academic Interview
- Picking Apart the Job Application Process
- Career Advice from Former UofA Postdocs

Upcoming Events - Click items to learn more
...and follow us on the UofA Postdoctoral Fellows Professional Development Group

Communication
1. Toastmasters Presentation Skills - Every Wednesday
2. Finding and using research evidence: A guide for citizens - May 23
3. Knowledge translation beyond publications - May 24
4. Editing a (Thesis) Chapter for Publication ($50) - June 1
5. Develop Your Elevator Pitch Workshop - June 16
6. Writing for Correctness ($40) - July 11
7. Writing for Coherence ($40) - July 13
8. Writing for Conciseness ($40) - July 16

Teaching
10. Teaching and Learning Online: An Online Course for Instructors - June 4
11. Concepts in Course Design: Mapping Out a Learner Centred Course - June 6
Research
12. **NSERC Discovery Grant Information Session** - May 29 - moved to SAB 436
13. **Research Data Management Week(s)** - 3D Scientific Visualization May 30 and Advanced Scheduling of HPC Carpentry May 31, June 1
14. **NSERC Common CV Workshops** - June 6

Entrepreneurship
15. **The Ultimate Product Launch** $39 - June 21

Keep Informed
While their website is not explicit, the [Grant Assist Program](#) encourages postdocs to attend sessions coordinated by their office. They have newsletters for each of the tri-council sector that you can sign up for.

**Banting** preliminary assessment applications are due at the faculty level by May 28.

Writing Help
The Academic Success Centre provides individual consultations for postdocs who would like editing assistance with their writing. These individual 45-50 minute sessions provide you with personalized advice for your specific academic questions or projects.

- Fee: $25/session
- U of A Student 3-Session Plans: $60/3 sessions

To schedule an appointment, please call the Academic Success Centre at 780-492-2682 or go to 2-300 SUB Students’ Union Building.

Note you may want to plan 1 or 2 weeks in advance as advisors can be in high demand.

PDF Professional Development Advisory Group
I am recruiting new members to this group. We meet every 2 months for an hour to discuss future professional development opportunities. If you are interested in joining this group, please email me, Dr. Renee Polziehn at [rpolzieh@ualberta.ca](mailto:rpolzieh@ualberta.ca). Your input so far has led to the development of several resources and the PD Day.

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