



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR POSTDOCS - December 24, 2024

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## Happy Holidays!

- The Office of Postdoctoral Education wishes all postdocs a safe and restful holiday break. The next weekly email will arrive on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

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## From the Office of Postdoctoral Education

- [MU Postdoctoral Awards for Teaching and Research](#)
  - Nominees for these awards must currently be postdoctoral fellows at the University of Missouri, Columbia campus and have held the position as a postdoc for at least one semester prior to the nomination. Self-nominations are encouraged. Postdoctoral award winners will be recognized at the Awards Banquet hosted by the Graduate School in April. The awards will consist of an honorarium of \$500 to \$1,000 (depending on the number of awardees). The awards will be administered by the MU Postdoctoral Association (MUPA) with support from the Office of Postdoctoral Education. Funding for the award is provided by the Graduate School. Nominations are due February 17, 2025, by 5:00 pm. Click [here](#) for more information.

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## Presentations/Workshops

- [Developing a Personal Narrative for Future Jobs](#) – myPostdoc Monthly National Postdoctoral Association (NPA)

- Why do stories matter, and how do we get better at telling our own? Every opportunity we are given only happens because we are asked to tell a story first. Our careers are a cycle of doing things, reflecting on them, and sharing a narrative about what we did - to get the next opportunity and repeat the cycle. In this webinar, you'll learn about the power, practice, and prevalence of storytelling in our career development. We will talk about stories as a tool for identifying our skills and values, storytelling as a means to articulate our accomplishments, and the narrative arc as a way to make meaning of our experiences.
- Speaker: Urmila Venkatesh, assistant director of career education, Stanford University
- 12 pm; Wed, Jan 8, 2025
- Mizzou is an institutional member of the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) and Mizzou's postdocs are entitled to free affiliate (individual-level) membership to NPA. Click [here](#) to obtain your free membership.
- [Becoming a Principal Investigator](#) – NPA SmartSkills
  - Making the transition from a mentored postdoctoral position to directing your own research group can be very difficult, if not intimidating. Those that utilize a thoughtful and informed approach have the best chances for success. This webinar will discuss the many issues faced by investigators as they prepare for their first independent position and their early years as a junior faculty member. This includes new skill sets to acquire as well as previously unfamiliar career milestones to achieve. Included in the discussion are practical suggestions to meet these challenges.
  - Speaker: Jaime S. Rubin, Ph.D., Department of Medicine, Columbia University
  - 2 pm; Tue, Jan 28, 2025
  - Mizzou is an institutional member of the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) and Mizzou's postdocs are entitled to free affiliate (individual-level) membership to NPA. Click [here](#) to obtain your free membership.

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### Training/Certificate Programs

- [2025 Science Policy Bootcamp](#)
  - The 3-day event includes a Science Policy 101 overview led by Toby Smith, sessions centered on transitions in government, conversations about hot-button topics such as governance around Artificial Intelligence featuring Victoria Rubin, a science policy-focused workshop taught by Jackie Goodrum, and more. Participants will also have the opportunity to learn from and network with professionals who have a wide range of experience in science-, health-, and technology-policy.
  - All interested participants should register before 12:00 noon on Friday, January 3. This will help ensure the coordinators have an accurate list of all dietary restrictions and that all participants receive information on how to participate prior to the start of the event.
  - Register [here](#)

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### Featured Articles

- [Where the Grass Is Greener: Leaving academia to advance biomedical research](#) – Harvard Magazine
- [Looming Declines in High-School Grads Will Mark 'Inflection Point' for Higher Ed](#) – The Chronicle of Higher Education

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### Resources

- Activate your free membership in the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)
  - Are you invested in undergraduate research? [Activate your free membership](#) in the [Council on Undergraduate Research \(CUR\)](#). Mizzou is now an Enhanced Institutional Member. As Mizzou staff, you have CUR membership benefits at no cost to you.
  - Why join CUR?
    - Subscription to the quarterly peer-reviewed journal [Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research](#)
    - Access to a library of over 100 resources,
    - Tips and tricks for virtual learning and teaching, and other valuable content to strengthen undergraduate research at Mizzou
  - Click [here](#) to find instructions for access and registration.

### Non-Profit/Government/Industry Postdoctoral Opportunities

- [Stem cell fate of marrow adipocytes and osteoblasts](#) – MaineHealth Institute for Research, Scarborough, ME
- [Cell Surface Receptors and Transmembrane Signaling](#) – Boston Children Hospital
- Check out other opportunities shared on the [MU Postdoc LinkedIn](#) page.

### Diverse Career Opportunities

- [Associate Data Scientist](#) – Northeastern University, Boston, MA

### LinkedIn Group: [MU Office of Postdoctoral Education](#)

- Join the [MU postdoc LinkedIn group](#) to view and share professional and career development opportunities. Many postdoc, industry, academic, and non-profit jobs and funding opportunities are shared daily.

### Postdoc Consultations

- Click [here](#) to schedule an appointment with Valli Sarveswaran (Director of Postdoctoral Education) to discuss your career & professional development needs, or to discuss any other matters concerning you.

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