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Important Resources

Monthly Postdoc Open Forum

Come meet Valli, Associate Program Director of the Postdoc Office, to ask questions about professional development, career exploration, and other services offered by the Postdoc Office in particular and Notre Dame as a whole. International scholars are also welcome to discuss matters specific to them.

Postdoc Corner

Notre Dame Postdoc to Fisher Endowed Chair

Prof. Mary Sajini Devadas, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, awarded Fisher Endowed Chair at the Towson University. Prof. Devadas joined the faculty of Chemistry at Towson in August 2015. Dr. Devadas earned her Ph.D. in chemistry from Western Michigan University in 2012. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the PSGR Krishnammal College for Women and another master's degree from Bharathiar University, all in chemistry. Before joining Towson University, Dr. Devadas was a postdoctoral associate at the University of Notre Dame from 2012 to 2015. Dr. Devadas teaches general chemistry, inorganic chemistry, and a graduate physics course in nanotechnology. She has supervised nineteen Towson students in special problems, introduction to research, applied physics research, Honors independent study, Honors thesis, and physics thesis, and has also supervised 5 local high school students. Dr. Devadas has published three papers since joining Towson, one of which is co-authored by a TU graduate student. She has been active in seeking extramural funding, and is a member of the team that recently secured a $530,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to acquire a scanning electron microscope.

Dr. Devadas synthesizes and studies single metal nanoparticles. For her Fisher Chair project, she will create nanoparticle-based functionalized metal-graphene oxide thin films with the aim of detecting very small amounts of chemical warfare agents. She foresees engaging 24 undergraduates, three master's students and six high school students in the program, and...
One-on-One Consultations

Do you need assistance with...

- Career counseling
- Planning and defining career goals
- Exploring career options
- Identifying strengths and weaknesses and plan for skills development
- CV, resume or cover letter feedback
- Linkedin/Google scholar profile
- Preparing for upcoming interviews

Contact Valli Sarveswaran to schedule a one-on-one consultation.

International Postdocs

- English for Academic Purposes
- ESL Classes for Spouses
- ESL Classes for Staff
- J1 Scholar Information
- Last Payment Process
- Living in the United States
- ND International - Upcoming Events
- Tax Assistance Program
- Temporary Protected Status

ND Calendar & Events

Opportunities to Celebrate Postdocs During National Postdoc Appreciation Week

By Shakira Nelson, Jennifer Aumiller, and Catherine Brooks Zander for The POSTDOckeT

National Postdoctoral Appreciation Week is fast approaching! Click here to read how two institutions have leveraged this week to support and celebrate postdocs, as well as utilize NPA planning resources.

The ND Postdoc Newsletter wants to share your research or article you have written with the ND Postdoc Community. If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter, please email Valli Sarveswaran.

Career Services

Banish the Smarm: Healthy Networking Practices

By Robin Bernstein for Chronicle Vitae

Effective networking isn’t slimy—it’s sincere, deep, and generous.

Click here to read more about networking well.

Events and Workshops

10 Year Review: Mobile and Social Media in Medical Innovation

Tom Dooley Lectures are free and open to the public.

- Presenter: Dr. Nathan DeNicola
- Date: September 2, 2017
- Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Location: Jordan Hall Auditorium

World on Tap
For a full listing of events on the Notre Dame campus for this week click [here](#).

**Academic iNDex**

A secure and easily accessible online repository for your academic and professional information, where you can upload your CV publications, presentations, grants, work history, and other academic achievements.

For more information about Academic iNDex and how to use it, click [here](#).

**National Postdoctoral Association (NPA)**

The University of Notre Dame is a sustaining member of the NPA. ND Postdocs can join the NPA for free. Learn about the benefits of a NPA membership [here](#).

**Notre Dame Graduate Student, Spouse, and Significant Other Network (GSN)**

The Graduate Student Union (GSU) is accepting postdocs as members in the Graduate Student, Spouse and Significant Other Network (GSN). For more information about the GSN and how to get involved, visit [their Facebook page](#).

**Spotlight Jobs of the Week**

**Engineering**

- Assistant Professor - Engineering - Mechatronics, Robotics, Automation Systems
- Mechanical Engineer 4

International postdocs and friends are invited to World on Tap, a monthly social sponsored by Notre Dame International. Join us on first Wednesdays for community and free appetizers; the first 50 attendees will receive a free drink ticket valued up to $6. Please bring a valid photo ID.

- **Date:** September 6, 2017
- **Time:** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **Location:** Rohr’s at the Morris Inn ([map](#))

**How to Effectively Cope with Stress During the Postdoc Years**

The postdoc years are an exciting time to further your career and develop your professional identity, but they can also be filled with a number of stressors. Going on the job market, moving to a new town (or even country), balancing work and personal life, finances, and the uncertainty of what lies ahead can make the postdoc years an especially stressful time. This informational session will cover how to identify common signs of stress and how to effectively cope with times of stress and uncertainty using evidence-based strategies. We all are likely to experience the stress of the postdoc years at one time or another, and we hope this informational session will help start this important conversation about stress in academia and provide you with the resources to help you be successful.

- **Presenter:** Prof. Jennifer Hames, Psychology
- **Date:** September 14, 2017
- **Time:** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
- **Location:** 119 O'Shaughnessy Hall

Please click [here](#) to register.

**Career Development Grants for Pre- and Postdocs**

Notre Dame Research and the Graduate School offer a grant-writing workshop for postdoctoral researchers at Notre Dame.

- **Date:** September 15, 2017
- **Time:** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Humans

- **Assistant Professor of History**
- **Undergraduate Instruction and Outreach Librarian**

Business

- **Assistant Professor Position in Payne School of Hospitality & Tourism Management**
- **Manager, Operations Research and Data Science**

Science

- **Assistant Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy, New High Energy Theory**
- **Postdoctoral Research Associate, Radiation Laboratory, University of Notre Dame**

Social Science

- **Assistant Professor - Economics**
- **Clinical Director**

Multidisciplinary

- **Associate Director, Scientific Strategy**
- **Research Analyst, China Studies**
- **Data Research Analyst**

Positive Productivity Points

**How to Manage Time With 10 Tips That Work**

*From Entrepreneur*

GPS for Mind, Body & Soul

**Five Secrets for Steadier Workouts**

*From The Wall Street Journal*

Funding Opportunities

*For professional assistance in applying for competitive external funding opportunities, email Notre Dame's Office of Grants and Fellowships.*

12 Early Career Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research Abroad

Click [here](#) for the ProFellow site!

All departments and disciplines are encouraged to attend where the following topics will be addressed.

- Writing successful grants
- Career development grants for pre- and postdocs
- Understanding the pre-award process
- Proposal reviews

Please click [here](#) to register.

National Postdocs Appreciation Week

**Monday, Sept. 18**

- NPAW Kickoff Event with breakfast
- 9:30 am to 11:30 am
- Venue TBD

**Tuesday, Sept. 19**

- Immigration and employment options - presented by an immigration lawyer
- 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Montgomery Hall, LaFortune Student Center
- Click [here](#) to register

**Wednesday, Sept. 20**

- National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD) explained - by Prof. Amy Hixon
- 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm
- Fitzpatrick Hall 258
- Click [here](#) to register

**Thursday, Sept. 21**

- Postdoc etiquette dinner
- 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- IEI-Visitation Hall 210, Remick Commons
- Click [here](#) to register

**Friday, Sept. 22**

- Ice cream social
- 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
- Venue TBD

**Every event you attend during the NPAW, you will be able to enter your name into drawings for Notre Dame Football Tickets. Five lucky winners will win a pair of tickets for Notre Dame football home games. Drawing will be held on Friday, September 22nd at 4 pm during the Ice Cream Social.**

Professional Development

Join the Notre Dame Postdoc LinkedIn Group!
Applications to NIH Loan Repayment Programs Open Soon

The NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) are a set of programs established by Congress and designed to recruit and retain highly qualified health professionals into biomedical or biobehavioral research careers. Check the following links for more information.

National Postdoctoral Association

NIH Division of Loan Repayment

Mirzayan Fellowship Program

Deadline: September 8, 2017
Click here for more information.

Social Media

ND Postdoc LinkedIn Group

ND Postdoc Facebook Group

@NDPostdocs

The Notre Dame Office for Postdoctoral Scholars has created a special LinkedIn group for all ND postdocs, graduate students, and faculty to share professional information.

To join the group, click here and then click "Ask to Join." Make sure to update your profile, profile picture, and check notification settings. If you need help creating or optimizing your LinkedIn profile, please contact Valli.

Hesburgh Libraries Workshops

The Hesburgh Libraries and Center for Digital Scholarship workshops are offered to all ND Postdocs.

Hesburgh Libraries Workshops

- Register: http://library.nd.edu/about/workshops.shtml
- Click here for this week’s list of workshops.

Library Workshop Calendar: nd.libcal.com/calendar/allworkshops
Questions? cds@nd.edu

Kaneb Center Workshops

The Kaneb Center supports graduate students and postdocs in the pursuit of teaching excellence by stimulating scholarly reflection and conversation about teaching, and encouraging the adoption of practices that enhance learning.

For more information on Kaneb Center workshops and other events, please click here.

Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures

The Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures’ English for Academic Purposes program offers workshops that are open to all ND Postdocs.
and their spouses. The center helps postdocs &
their spouses develop their writing, conversational,
and speaking skills.

Visit the center's website for more information on
tutoring and consultations and workshop
registration.

Questions? Contact Lisa Joy Oglesbee

Workshops from the Writing Center

Use Writing to Teach Critical Thinking

The University Writing Center
is pleased to offer consultations
with instructors who want help
designing and integrating
writing assignments into their courses. We welcome
instructors from every discipline, especially STEM
subjects. Email writing@nd.edu with the subject
"Teaching Consultation" to set up a meeting!

Workshops from the NCFDD

The National Center for Faculty Development and
Diversity is an independent professional
development, training and mentoring community of
over 71,000 graduate students, postdocs, and
faculty members. They offer on-campus
workshops, professional development training, and
intensive mentoring programs.

The University of Notre Dame is an institutional
member of the NCFDD. Through Notre Dame’s
membership, ND Postdocs may claim an
Institutional Sub-account Membership at no cost
and enjoy all the benefits of a NCFDD Individual
Membership. Register here to join. For a list of
NCFDD 2017 webinars, click here.

PhD Humor

Courtesy of The Upturned Microscope

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