

Postdoctoral fellows Association at the University of Alberta

PdfA @ UofA

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Mission Statement

1. To raise awareness at the University of Alberta of the contributions and experiences of postdoctoral fellows.
2. To ensure a rewarding postdoctoral experience at the University of Alberta while helping postdoctoral fellows maximize their research output.

This two-part mission will be implemented through the following specific goals: advocating for PDF interests, harnessing university professional resources, and enabling a vibrant social community.

A. Advocacy:

Provide a representative voice within University forums for issues of particular relevance to PDFs by

- o Supporting improved access to university facilities, benefits, and resources.
- o Ensuring that the practices of campus facilities recognize and accommodate PDFs.
- o Identifying and bringing forward concerns of PDFs to the appropriate University bodies.

B. Professional Resources:

Foster an effective training environment that meets the specific career-related needs of the postdoctoral community by

- o Helping to disseminate relevant information about

scholarly training, professional development, and funding opportunities.

- Promoting the arrangement of training courses to meet the career-related needs of PDFs.
- Encouraging fruitful intellectual exchange within the postdoctoral community and with other members of the University.

C. Social Community

Promote collaboration and establish active social and professional interaction amongst the UofA postdoctoral community by

- Welcoming incoming PDFs by providing helpful information and social contacts.
- Working in close partnership with other University Associations and Councils to co-sponsor events.
- Organizing social events, including picnics, trips, hikes, pizza parties, etc.