

UCVM Townhall

Postdoctoral Scholars and Research Associates

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Agenda

- Introductions
 - Associate Deans
 - Research Office
 - UCVM Postdoc Representative
- UCVM Postdoctoral Research Community
- Resources available
- Opportunities
- Questions and Discussion

Please feel free to post any questions in the Chat during the session



UCVM Postdoctoral Research Community

- 29 postdocs and 15 research assistants
- Supported by both the Research and Emerging Scholars portfolios:
 - Research:
 - Recruitment, Fellowships/funding
 - Professional and career development
 - Mentorship
 - Financial support eg. Travel, Events
 - Liaison with UofC PostDoc and VPR Office
 - Emerging Scholars:
 - Technical skills development
 - (e.g., workshops ; statistics/informatics advanced laboratory techniques)



Resources and Support

- UCalgary Postdoc Office: <u>https://research.ucalgary.ca/postdocs</u>
 - Professional Development, Awards, Funding, FAQs, Wellness Resources
- The Postdoctoral Fellows Association of the University of Calgary (PDAC)
 - https://www.pdacalgary.com/
 - Events, Workshops, Funding announcements, Collective Agreement
- UCVM VETNet: https://vet.ucalgary.ca/vetnet/home
 - Request for access has been sent to Webmaster and should be active soon, contact Brenda Moore if you have issues. (bjmoore@ucalgary.ca)



Resources - Funding

• UCVM Postdoctoral Travel and Training Support Program:

- Matching funds to support conference, workshop or training attendance
- One application per fiscal year per applicant:
 - Maximum of \$800 for domestic events and \$1300 for international
- Adjudicated based on potential research impact, training and career development
- Contact Brenda Moore for the application form
- External (Tri-agency and other):
 - <u>https://ucalgary.ca/research/postdoc/funding-fellowships/deadlines</u>
 - Confirm process and deadlines with UCVM Research Office *Request for approval signatures is required 6 business days ahead of agency deadline

What opportunities/support would you like to see?

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Community building

-Social and networking events

More active engagement in faculty activities

- Grant Internal peer review grant committees
- Attendance at Research group PI meetings
- -Attendance at events/ info sessions for Faculty (eg Genome Canada/RDAR..)

Teaching Opportunities

-Graduate / Undergraduate / DVM courses

More specific career development support

-Mock Interviews – academic and non-academic positions

-Guest speaker events

More specific grant writing support



Watch your inbox for a survey coming soon!