



Biomedical Postdoctoral Programs

Dear Graduate Student,

Biomedical Postdoctoral Programs (BPP) has developed a number of educational and training programs to enhance the biomedical postdoc's experience at the University of Pennsylvania. We hope that by providing you with some information on our program, that you will consider applying for a postdoc position at Penn.

The University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine established the Office of Postdoctoral Programs in July 1997 to oversee postdoctoral appointments and aspects of postdoctoral training apart from the research experience. We were the first university to establish an office devoted to the appointment and training of postdoctoral fellows and have received national recognition in the form of the "Best Practice Model" from the COSEPUP Guide by the National Academies of Sciences and from the GREAT Group of the AAMC. BPP expanded in 2001 to include the Schools of Veterinary and Dental Medicine; and more recently, postdocs at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute joined our programs. BPP ensures compliance with the university-wide Policy for Postdoctoral Fellows at the University of Pennsylvania. It also designs and directs intramural postdoctoral training programs for all appointees, currently about 800 postdocs. This intramural program includes mandatory training, ancillary skill development and career development opportunities.

The University of Pennsylvania has long been recognized for its belief in the importance of education and its pursuit of excellence. BPP continues to uphold this tradition by providing biomedical postdocs with the highest quality training in and outside of the labs. From its first-rate programming to its emphasis on career development as well as personal development, BPP works to enhance the life of biomedical postdocs. Penn is ranked second in NIH funding. There are over 800 leading, state-of-the-art biomedical research laboratories. BPP supports the Biomedical Postdoctoral Council, which runs an Annual Biomedical Postdoctoral Research Symposium. BPP has partnered with PENN's Career Services to offer: CV/resume editing; mock interviews; seminars and workshops; and an Annual Biomedical Career Fair. BPP invites applications for postdoctoral appointments. In addition, postdoctoral interviews may be eligible for reimbursement.

We hope that you will consider applying to postdoctoral positions at Penn in preparing your future career plans. Our website address is: <http://www.med.upenn.edu/postdoc/>. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have as well as any requests for more information.

Sincerely,

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