

Free Virtual Event

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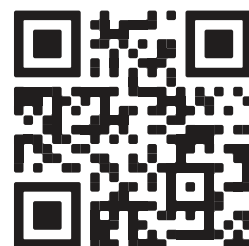
10 AM – 3 PM CST

# Wisconsin Postdoc Expo

- Navigating the transition into a postdoc position
- Choosing and securing the right postdoc opportunity
- Exploring the Wisconsin postdoc experience
- Leveraging postdoc experience to achieve career goals

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# Schedule

**10:00**

AM CST

## Session 1. Navigating the Transition into a Postdoc Position

Choosing to embark on a postdoc marks a significant transition in an academic career. During this session, we will explore the intricacies of this pivotal phase, and provide insights and strategies to ensure a successful transition from graduate student to becoming a postdoc.

Speakers

**Alyssa Leystra**, PhD, Associate Director for Skills Development, Office of Postdoctoral Studies, University of Wisconsin–Madison

**Sid Rao**, MD, PhD, Investigator and Program Leader Stem Cell Biology, Versiti Blood Research Institute

**Wesley D. Marner II**, Engagement, Education, and Equity Director, Morgridge Institute for Research

**11:00**

AM CST

## Session 2. Choosing and Securing the Right Postdoc Opportunity for You

During this session you will learn how to find and successfully apply for a postdoc position, targeting your professional and personal goals. The presentation will include advice on identifying positions that match your needs, evaluating prospective research groups, navigating the application process, interviewing effectively, and negotiating a strong postdoc offer.

Speakers

**Brady Krien**, PhD, Associate Director for Career Development, Office of Postdoctoral Studies, University of Wisconsin–Madison

**Ellen Dobson**, PhD, GCDF, Postdoctoral and Graduate Program Manager, Morgridge Institute for Research

**Adam S. Greenberg**, PhD, Associate Dean of Postdoctoral Education; Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Medical College Wisconsin

**12:00**

PM CST

## Session 3. Exploring the Wisconsin Postdoc Experience

This panel discussion will feature current postdocs from each of the participating institutions. Learn from panelists' perspectives regarding their training experiences, their path to Wisconsin, and why they chose their positions.

Moderators and Speaker

**Renee Hill**, Senior Manager, Program Administration, Versiti Blood Research Institute

**Imogen Hurley**, PhD, Director, Office of Postdoctoral Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Stephanie Kellogg**, PhD, Founder, Kellogg Career Coaching

Panelists

**Helena Jaramillo Mesa**, PhD, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Morgridge Institute for Research

**Atrayee Ray**, PhD, Sridhar Rao Lab, Versiti Blood Research Institute

**Aravind Parthasarathy**, PhD, Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin

**1:00**

PM CST

## Session 4. Leveraging Your Postdoc Experience to Achieve Your Career Goals

During this session, you will hear first-hand accounts from former postdocs from our institutions on how they used skills gained during their postdoctoral training to enhance their competitiveness for careers in a range of employment sectors. Panelists will share experiences they benefited from during their postdoctoral training and how they leveraged them to successfully transition into their current careers.

Moderators and Speaker

**Melody Reichoff**, Academic & International Affairs Administrator, Versiti Blood Research Institute

**Wesley D. Marner II**, PhD, Engagement, Education, and Equity Director, Morgridge Institute for Research

**Landon Olp**, PhD, Office of Technology Development, Medical College of Wisconsin

Panelists

**Danielle Desa**, PhD, Assistant Scientist, Morgridge Institute for Research

**Christina K. Baumgartner**, PhD, Senior Principal Research Scientist / Director, Oncology Discovery Research, Abbvie

**Jessica Kelliher**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Medical College Wisconsin

**Jennifer Stancill**, PhD, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry, Medical University of South Carolina

**2:00**

PM CST

## Session 5. Optional Breakout Rooms with Institutional Experts

Join institutional representatives to learn more about each organization, location, and specific job and training opportunities. Bring your questions and let us share what makes our institutions great!

Experts

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