

Mission and Background Information

Mission

Our mission is to develop a sense of community for postdoctoral scholars by bringing together postdoctoral scholars from different campuses and different fields of study for social and educational events; to address issues that affect us and; to provide a dialogue between postdoctoral scholars and administration and faculty.

Formation of the PDA

With the support of the Office of Postdoctoral Scholars (OPS) and Dr. Marilyn Morris, Drs. Janet Waterhouse and Jianping (Jessica) Zhang attended the National Postdoc Association's 2007 Annual Meeting in Berkley, California. Working with Dr. Christopher Blagden, of the Postdoc Leadership Mentoring Project (PLMP), they were encouraged to consider the formation of the PDA on campus. Following a survey of University postdocs the UB PDA was formed in May 2007, with an executive committee of 6 postdoctoral volunteers. Dr. Marilyn Morris, Associate Dean for Graduate and Postdoctoral Education acts as advisor to the PDA.

General membership

All postdoctoral scholars from the University at Buffalo (or affiliated or satellite institutions) are considered regular members of the PDA. Currently the PDA has about 300 postdoc members from UB North Campus, UB South Campus, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, and the Research Institute on Addictions.

Organizational structure

Currently, the PDA is run by the Executive committee (EC) led by Dr. Jessica (Jianping) Zhang president elected by EC members with Silvia Brown as the Treasurer.