



Caltech Postdoc Association

2024 - 2025

New Postdoc Orientation, April 7, 2025



Our Mission for Our Community

The Caltech Postdoctoral Association (CPA) seeks to foster a **sense of community**, provide resources for **career and personal development**, and provide a framework for **representation** on campus and in the **local community** for postdoctoral scholars from all departments of the Institute.

Also serve: JPL and Carnegie affiliates

**We are here
for you
to make your
postdoc life
better!**



Who are we?

CPA Board Members 2024-2025

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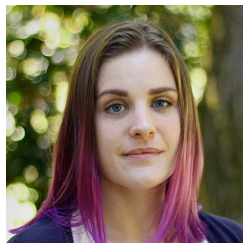


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CPA Committees 2024-2025

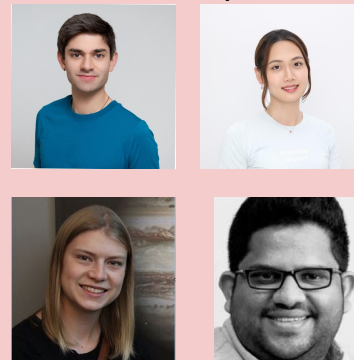
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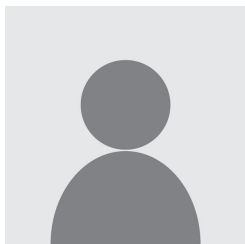
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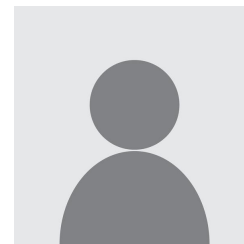


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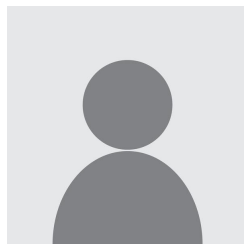
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How to connect with us



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caltechpostdocs.slack.com



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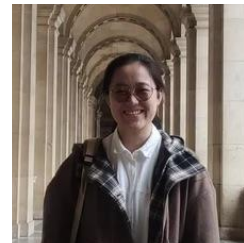
- ❑ Jan: Resume workshop
- ❑ March: LinkedIn Workshop with Free Headshots
- ❑ April: Alumni Panel and more Headshots
- ❑ May: Grant writing workshop
- ❑ Summer: Faculty Search Bootcamp



Resume Workshop



McKinley Informational Event



Yici Zhong



Junwen Xiong



Outreach

Vision: Connect postdocs with our larger community!

Revived pre-pandemic programs

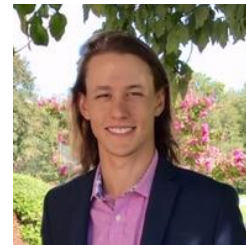
- ❑ STEM for Families – monthly interactive demos for Caltech families
 - ❑ February – Food chemistry
 - ❑ March – Turbulence
 - ❑ April – Infrared camera
- ❑ Explore Caltech – campus-wide outreach event for Pasadena community
 - ❑ Explore Caltech 2024 had ~800 attendees, 15 interactive booths, 6 TED-style talks, 8 ask-a-scientist panelists, and tours of the PST ART installations



STEM for Families



Explore Caltech



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Social

Here to bring us all together :)
We do an event every month, based
on YOUR responses to our survey

Upcoming events:

- Happy Hour Meet and Greet
(today at 5pm)
- Comedy Night - 4/18 @ 6pm



Hiking Trip



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Trivia Night!



Diwali Celebrations



- ❑ Bystander Intervention Training on 4/23
- ❑ Cultural food events: Potluck!
- ❑ Drag Bingo
- ❑ DEI-themed movie nights
- ❑ LA Pride Parade float in

Any other ideas from the postdoc community are welcome!



LA Pride 2024



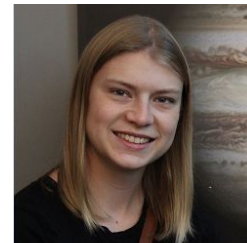
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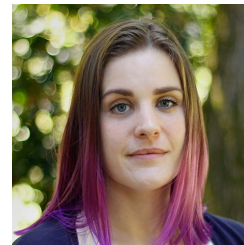


Advocacy

The **CPA advocacy** committee is here for you, and we are here to ensure your academic experience at Caltech is fulfilling.

- **CPA advocacy listening helpdesk:** a space for sharing concerns, issues, specific requests regarding (but not limited to) **housing, healthcare, safe work environment**, and anything else that may have come up at Caltech. The **helpdesk** is open **Friday at 10 -11 am** in **Caltech hall 907**.
- Collaborations with the **Postdoctoral Scholars Office** and the **Institutional Research Office**.
- **Minimum salary:** currently \$68,000/year, increasing to \$72,723/year in Fall 2025. If at any point you are being paid less than that, reach out to us or the union.

Questions or concerns? Reach out to the advocacy co-chairs!



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What's Next!

Faculty Lunch Series

Informal setting to meet faculty across campus and have lunch

Frederick Eberhardt on April 14th
Magdalena Zernicka-Goetz May 20th

Be on the lookout for an email to sign up

Space is very limited!





What's Next!

April 2025

CPA Happy Hour

Monday, April 7th @ 5pm

Schlinger Courtyard

Why
should I go?

Beverages

Snacks

Absolutely riveting
conversations
with colleagues



What's Next!

CPA PRESENTS
COMEDY NIGHT
FRIDAY, APRIL 18
FREE FOOD & DRINKS
STARTING AT 6PM

INTERESTED
IN OPEN MIC?

4 Renowned
comics



STAND UP COMEDY
STARTING AT 7PM

Dabney Garden

Free Bystander Intervention Training!

April 23rd, 12:45-1:45 PM

Chen 100 and Online

Presented by the Caltech Postdoctoral Association

Join us for an interactive training session and learn to:

- Fight the Bystander Effect
- Safely and effectively intervene in instances of harassment, bullying, or other negative behavior in academic spaces

Coffee and snacks will be provided!

Everyone is welcome!

Register here



Questions? Contact Emma Dahl (dahlek@caltech.edu)

The training will be led by **Right To Be**, a social justice organization whose evidence-based training equips learners with a memorable and accessible toolkit on what to do in the face of negative behavior. For more information about this organization visit RightToBe.org

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Thank you!

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