



Caltech Postdoc Association

2025-2026

New Postdoc Orientation, October, 20, 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?

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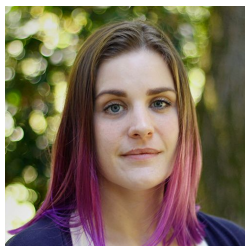


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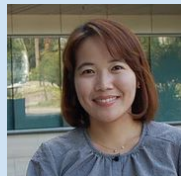
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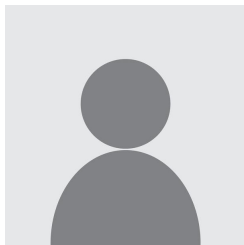


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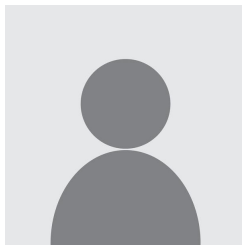
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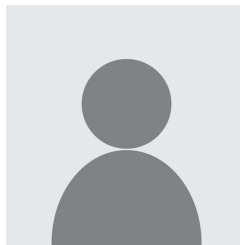
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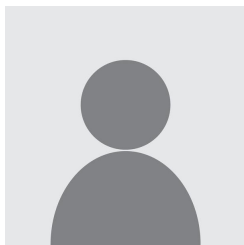
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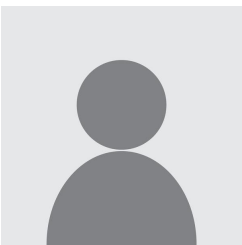
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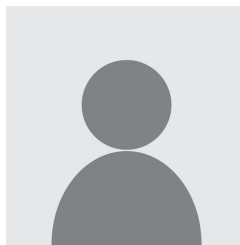
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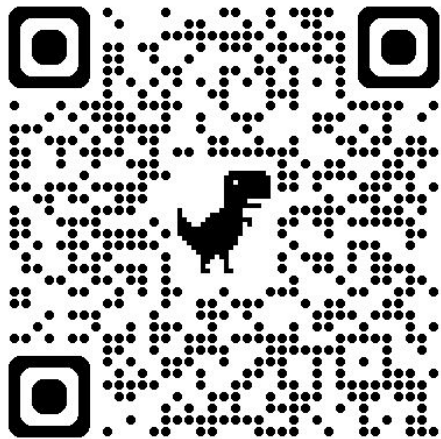


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**Reach out if
you are
interested in
being a
division rep!**



How to connect with us



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Career

- ❑ Jan: Resume workshop
- ❑ March: LinkedIn Workshop with Free Headshots
- ❑ May: Grant writing workshop
- ❑ Aug: Faculty Search Panel
- ❑ Sept: Chalk Talk Presentation



Resume Workshop



Chalk Talk Presentation



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Outreach

Vision: Connect postdocs with our larger community!

Revived pre-pandemic programs

- ❑ STEM for Families – monthly interactive demos for Caltech families
 - ❑ Ran from February to August, will restart in January
- ❑ Explore Caltech – campus-wide outreach event for Pasadena community
 - ❑ Explore Caltech 2025 had ~2000 attendees, 20 interactive booths, 10 TED-style talks, and campus tours



STEM for Families



Explore Caltech



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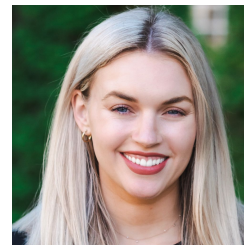
Here to bring us all together :)
We do an event every month, based
on YOUR responses to our survey

Upcoming events:

- Happy Hour Meet and Greet
(today at 5pm)
- CPA Merch giveaway (TBD)



Hiking Trip



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Trivia Night!



Diwali Celebrations

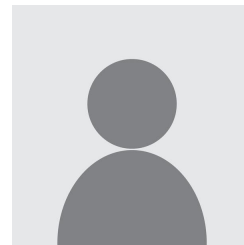


- ❑ Bystander Intervention Training in April
- ❑ Cultural food events: Potluck!
- ❑ Drag Bingo
- ❑ DEI-themed movie nights
- ❑ LA Pride Parade float in June

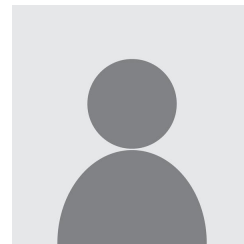
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LA Pride 2024



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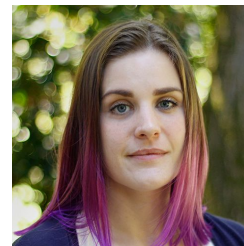


Advocacy

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**.

Questions or concerns? Reach out to the advocacy chair!



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What's Next!

Faculty Lunch Series

Informal setting to meet faculty across campus and have lunch

Be on the lookout for an email to sign up

Space is very limited!





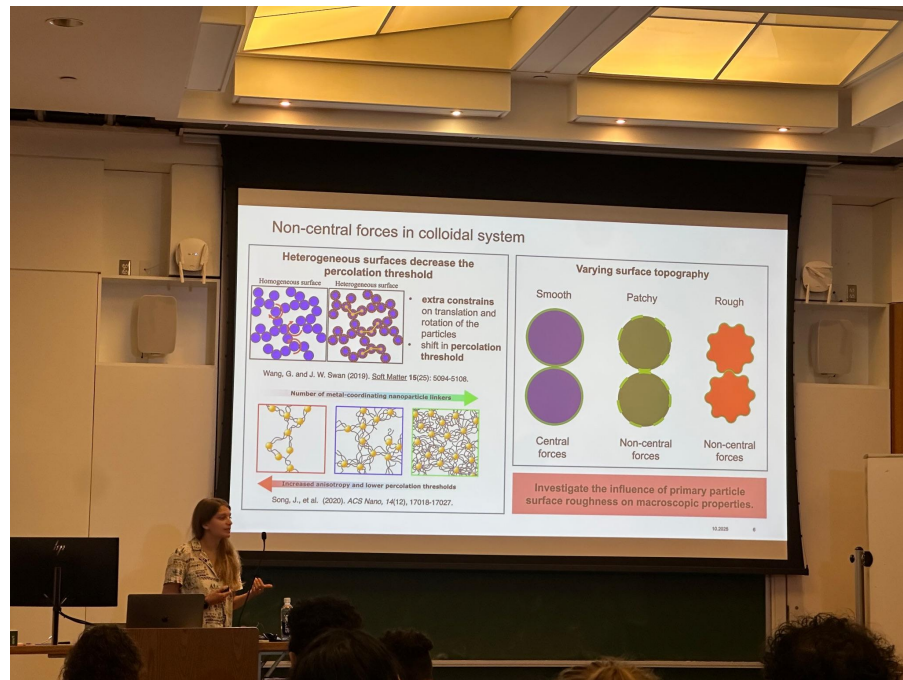
Postdoc Launch Seminar Series

What's Next!

Bi-weekly seminars starting next year!

In 2025: we had sessions from May through October (17 total speakers)

Looking for speakers!





What's Next!

Cool Ales Social Hour Today!

Schlinger Patio

5-7 pm



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