

Tufts
PDA

TUFTS POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATION

Information Session

2016

MISSION OF THE TUFTS PDA

GET YOU OUT OF HERE!

To enrich and improve the Postdoctoral experience at Tufts. We host career development events to give opportunities for postdocs to grow both professionally and personally and advocate on a faculty and administrative levels for all postdocs.

POSTDOCS DOING IT FOR THEMSELVES!

Tufts PDA
Joins the
Pan-PDA
(Now called
the Boston
PDA,
[BPDA])



Tatiana Demidova-
Rice and Viktoria
Andreeva started the
PDA with a \$800
grant from the PDO

2013/4

~10 events
(incl. PDA yoga!)

Formal election
process elects Gary
McDowell as Tufts
PDA president

2014/5

~20 events
1st postdoc
Poster competition!

First future of
research conference!
FOUR key organizers
were from Tufts!

Elections select a
new PDA Executive,
including Ania
Wronski as President

2015/6

2016/7

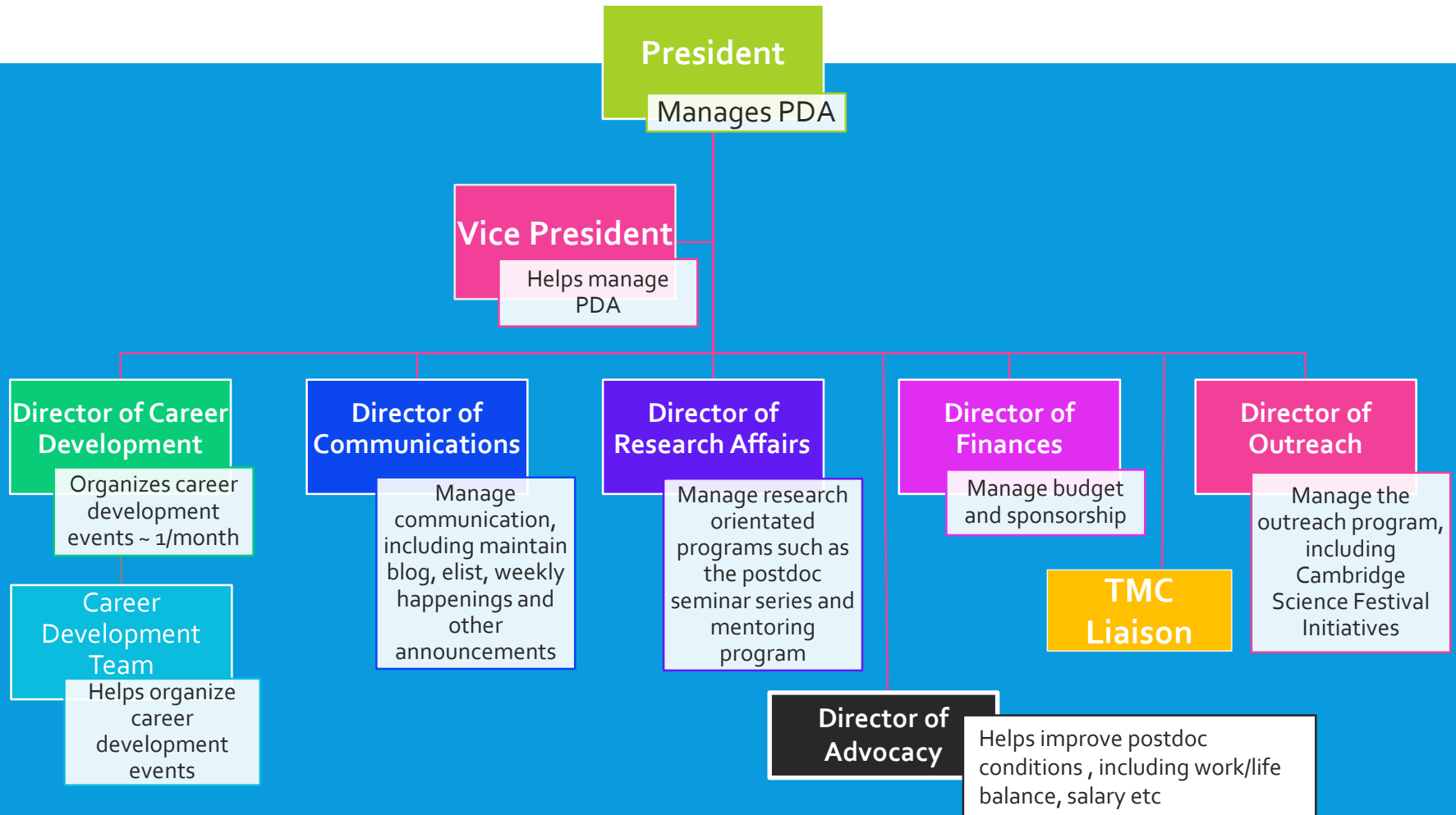
Sarah Dykstra
(VP) and Ania
start the BPDA
Career group

Now an incorporated non-profit
in four cities across the US and
recently awarded \$300,000 from
The Open Philanthropy Project
Gary is the Executive Director!
See more:
<http://futureofresearch.org/>

THE YEAR OF THE PDA

- 26 events since last September
- 58 professionals, panellists and invited speakers!
- Over a dozen industries covered including:
 - Clinical, R&D, patent law, business development, commercial sciences, teaching, academia, regulatory, finance and consulting!
- New outreach opportunities!
 - Presence at the Cambridge Science Festival:
 - Sci/Art
 - Science Pint Night with MGH PDA
- Organized commercial sponsorship with Sigma-Aldrich and Thermo Fisher, saving ~\$1000 and raising \$1000 in funds for PDA use! (Effectively doubling our budget!)
- Online presence increased significantly with over 1000 visitors to the Tufts PDA blog YTD (over double from last year).
- Continued our mentoring program, established a patent law workshop and a postdoc seminar series!

THE PDA EXECUTIVE



Volunteers – help in the different areas above

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Career Development Director & Team (~2 hrs/week)

Organize ~1 event/month, examples include:

- Speed networking/panels in PhD industries (i.e. academia, R&D)
- Information sessions on resumes, interviewing, networking etc
- Information sessions on research ideas, academic job search etc
- Seminars on personal issues, such as managing finances, psychological issues (imposter syndrome)

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES

Communication Director:

- Finalize and send out weekly happenings (Thursday morning)
- Manage blog & social media
- Send out announcements etc.

Research Affairs Director:

- Postdoc Seminar/Chalk talk(?) series
- Mentoring program (joint with Sackler GSC)

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES

Finance Director

- Keep track of financials (very hands off)
- Engage with sponsors (great for business development!)

Outreach Director

- Cambridge Science Festival
 - Sci-Art and Science Pub Night with MGH
- Museum of Science initiatives

THIS SOUNDS LIKE A LOT OF WORK...

- You decide what you want to put in!
- Lots of support!!
- Both Sarah and I will be around for the transition months to help out!!

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Meeting Notes Communication Important Info Outreach Budget and Sponsorship Mentoring Events TMC Fellow Collab THE GUIDE

Checklist for Events

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- Two - 1.5 months prior to event**
 - Finalize date and book room (See Guide to Events: Booking Rooms)
 - (Optional) Arrange WebEx if it will be beneficial - strong preferred!
 - Invite panellists/speakers (may take up to 2 weeks for people to respond!) (See guide to Speakers: finding and contacting)
 - (Optional) Arrange for sponsorship (See Guide on Sponsorship)
- One Month prior to the event**
 - Make [eventbrite](#) page for event (See guide on Events: Eventbrite)
 - Notify Director of Communications to add it to front page of PDA blog (see guide to Blog: Eventbrite)
 - Put event on [Sackler](#) calendar for distribution through weekly happenings (see guide to communication: weekly happenings)
 - Put Event on PDA Google Calendar and/or BPDA Careers Calendar (if other PDAs are invited) (See guide to communication: calendars)
 - Put Event on GSC "The Goods" Newsletter (see guide to communication: the Goods)
 - Put event on "Upcoming event" pamphlet (See guide to communication: pamphlet)
- Three weeks prior to event**
 - Finalize speakers and/or panellists for event
 - Notify [Sackler](#) office contact (generally Jessica) of room arrangement if you have not already done so
 - Make advertising posters (see guide on communication: posters) and send to [Sackler](#) office for approval to post around Boston campus
 - Put up posters around campus
- Two weeks prior to event**
 - Send out logistics email to speakers with details on the location, time, set up, parking passes etc (See guides on speakers: logistics)
 - Replace posters (if necessary)
 - Send out email advertising event to postdoc elist
 - Decide if you are getting gift for speaker (see guide on speakers: gifts)
- One Week prior to event**
 - Remind speakers of logistics and get final numbers of parking passes needed
 - Give parking pass information to Sara Abbott in [Sackler](#) office, so she can ensure she has the right amount of passes
 - Send out email advertising event to Jessica for distribution to student elist at [Sackler](#).
- Three-Four Days prior to event**
 - Check number of [eventbrite](#) registrations and decide on food (see guide on events: food). Expect about 50% no-shows
 - Prepare any material to give out to participants, such as bios, name tags etc.
 - Arrange for volunteers to help with the following:
 - Setting up food
 - Manning registration desk
 - Helping with sponsors
 - Helping with speaker

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- UPCOMING & CURRENT EVENTS
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 - Logistics
 - Expenses
- Recruiter Panel - June 27, 2016
 - Possible Speakers
- Postdoc Seminar Series - 2016
 - Volunteers
 - Feedback Cards
 - Schedule
- PAST EVENTS
- Speed Networking May 2016
 - Confirmed Speakers
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 - Letters for 5/18 speed networking - professionals
 - Expenses
- Vendor Fair May 2016
- Postdoc Appreciation Week Sept 2015
- Flyers - 2016
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WHAT DO I GET OUT OF IT?

- Increase your network:
 - The best way to build relationships is to ask for advice and help! This is inherent in all the PDA does!
- Hone your organizational and managerial skills
- Improve your communication skills
- DO AWESOME THINGS!
 - Show concrete DELIVERABLES that YOU have achieved as part of a collaborative TEAM effort.

WHAT DO I GET OUT OF IT? – A JOB!



Scientist, Immuno-Pharmacology

Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany

Billerica, US-MA

Posted 1 hour ago 5 views

Be one of the first 10 applicants.

Apply on company website

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Job description

EMD Serono is the biopharmaceutical division of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, a global pharmaceutical and chemical group. We strive to create value and benefit patients by transforming medical science into breakthrough solutions in our core therapeutic areas of neurodegenerative diseases, fertility and metabolic endocrinology, as well as oncology and autoimmune/inflammatory diseases as emerging areas of expertise.

Purpose of the role

The successful candidate will be responsible for the hands-on execution of *in vivo* Immuno-Pharmacology studies that utilize mouse tumor models to study the anti-tumor activity of novel immuno-oncology agents. The successful individual will contribute to the execution of a research strategy focused on the evaluation of novel combination approaches for cancer immunotherapy. Through applied expertise in tumor immunology, the incumbent will be charged with characterizing the immunological mechanisms associated with treatment and the identification of potential biomarkers.

Personal skills and competencies

- Good oral and written communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to write scientific reports and publications
- Ability to work in a diverse team setting and collaborate effectively on complex projects
- Team player with strong interpersonal and leadership skills
- Well-organized and self-directed and ability to adhere to tight timelines
- Forward-thinking and creative with high ethical standards
- Must be able to troubleshoot effectively and think proactively
- Must be able to execute on multiple projects simultaneously

Industry

Biotechnology,
Pharmaceuticals, and
Research

Employment type

Full-time

Experience

Entry level

GREAT! HOW DO I SIGN UP?

- Go to our election page: www.tuftspda.wordpress.com/election
- Nominate yourself using our online form
- You can choose multiple positions and we can let you know if multiple people have selected it, so you can opt out if someone else is interested.
- We would love for people to co-LEAD as well! This helps share the workload, especially if you get busy!
- Nomination runs from June 14 – June 20
- Open elections will be held electronically from June 21 – July 1st
- New PDA will be announced July 5th!

QUESTIONS?

- Nominate yourself here: www.tuftspda.wordpress.com/election
- Nominations close June 20 (open now!)
- Don't forget to return between June 21 – July 1st to cast your vote for YOUR next PDA!
- New PDA announced July 5th!