Session Description:

Challenges can arise in even the well-established and supported postdoc office. How can the PDO connect with faculty; garner support for institutional policies; enhance compliance; meet postdoc needs; build and maintain relationships with HR for compliance with legal, institutional and federal policies?

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Relevant NPA Resources:

PDO Toolkit: The Postdoctoral Office Toolkit has been developed with generous support from the Burroughs Wellcome Fund. Access to the toolkit is a member benefit of the NPA. PDO Toolkit content includes resources for starting an office, postdoc appointment issues and postdoc services and career development. Find this and more at http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/publications

NPA Advance Clearinghouse: A one-stop-shop for best practices from academic institutions, the Clearinghouse is a living resource for retaining postdoctoral women in academia. Practices and programs for mentoring, networking and other development tools are highlighted: http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/advance

NPA Core Competencies: As the research landscape continues to evolve, new opportunities and career paths for postdoctoral scholars to apply their knowledge and skills outside of academia arise. The NPA Core Competencies captures 6 major needs for postdocs to segue into professional careers. The document provides ideas and resources on how you can help your postdocs master these skills: http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/competencies

Related Workshops at the 2014 Annual Meeting:

Friday: A Sample of Successful BEST Proposals
Saturday: Preventing PDO Burnout; New Technologies to Find Jobs and Manage Your Career
Sunday: How to Plan Successful Postdoc Career Development Planning; Proving Why We Matter: Using Career Development Outcomes to Promote PDO Effectiveness to Stakeholders