Creating Policy-Focused Regional Symposia
For Grassroots Advocacy

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Overview of the Session:
Introduction - The challenges in biomedical research that initiated the Future of Research & NYU PoIntS

Group Discussion - Why do we need grassroots advocacy events?

Small Group Discussion 1 - Division of Labor: The tasks that enable an advocacy event to happen
Participants will form small groups and discuss some roles/tasks that have been identified by the presenters in organizing advocacy events.

Small Group Discussion 2 - Working together to build a symposium
Participants will form new small groups comprised of one member from each of the first small groups and use the information gathered in discussion 1 to outline a roadmap for organizing an advocacy event.

Identifying the Current Policy Information:
Efforts To Address Reform And Raise Awareness: Postdoctoral Training and the Biomedical Workforce:


● National meetings of academic leaders: Rescuing Biomedical Research Workshop (Univ. of Wisconsin, March-April 2015), Future of Bioscience Graduate and Postdoctoral Training (FOBGAPT) (Univ. of Michigan, May 2015)

● Regional meetings by science trainees: Future of Research (Boston, SF, Chicago), NYU PoIntS


See: futureofresearch.org for a more complete list of citations.

Planning your symposia:

● Logistics of Organizing the FOR Symposium. The Winnower, 2014
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**2014**

- Gold: Novartis
- Silver: National Academy of Sciences
- Bronze: Monsanto
- Office for postdoctoral fellows: Harvard Medical School
- Tufts: Postdoctoral Scholars
- addgene: A better way to share plasmids
- Naturejobs.com

**2015**

- Boston University: Professional Development & Postdoctoral Affairs
- Office for postdoctoral fellows: HMS | HSDM
- AWIS: Association for Women in Science
- Nebulab: Data management for the scientist
- Addgene: The nonprofit plasmid repository

#### FOR Chicago

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1st NYU Postdocs Interdisciplinary Symposium

- eLife
- NYU Dentistry
- NYU School of Medicine Postdoctoral Program
- NYU Polytechnic Institute
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- Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
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Parallels in Planning Policy-Focused Regional Symposia For Grassroots Advocacy