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WHAT IS A POSTDOC?
A postdoctoral scholar ("postdoc") is an individual who has received a doctoral degree (or equivalent) and is engaged in a temporary and defined period of mentored advanced training to enhance the professional skills and research independence needed to pursue his or her chosen career path.

ABOUT U.S. POSTDOCS*

NPA HIGHLIGHTS
The NPA advocates for:
- Increases in the NIH training stipends ($50,004 in FY 2019)
- Requirement of mentoring plans on NIH grants
- More independent funding for postdocs
- Better benefits for postdoc fellows
- Increased data collection regarding postdocs
- Much more

The NPA holds Annual Conferences, which provide the only national venue dedicated solely to the postdoctoral community. Since 2009 the NPA promotes National Postdoc Appreciation Week during the 3rd week of September each year to increase awareness of postdocs and to recognize the contribution that they make to the U.S. research enterprise.