

Biomedical Postdoctoral Programs and Language ConnectED invites you to the following information session:



Preparing International Postdocs: Meeting the Linguistic & Cultural Demands of the Research Field Information Session

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

10:00 AM — 11:00 AM

Virtual Event | BlueJeans: <https://bluejeans.com/818335668>

Details/Description:

Professional development for postdocs is not a one-size-fits-all. Individual needs vary greatly; therefore, trainings must be tailored in order to meet those needs. International postdocs have unique needs that stretch far beyond Visa status or finding housing. For the past 5+ years, the BPP has run a series of English (ESL) workshops and trainings for international, non-native English speaking postdocs focused on effective communication. The workshop series, Strategically Speaking: Building Fluency for Effective Communication, is an intensive English language training that is rooted in the IDP and Core Competencies of the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) and focuses on incremental goal setting around effective communication in the sciences. This workshop series grew out of action research at CHOP as well as the English Language Programs at UPenn. Throughout this time, more than 200 postdocs have participated in this programming and 100% of those who have completed the 6-week training have said they would recommend the workshop series to their colleagues.

This 1 hour session will:

1. give an overview of the origins of this workshop series, including clinical observations at CHOP
2. provide a brief overview of the coursework, including examples and demonstrations of how it's fundamentally different than other types of trainings
3. review "before" and "after" video examples of Penn postdocs to show improvements
4. provide Q & A time

This information session is recommended for mentors/ PIs and department administrators. Feel free to reach Donna Crawley, BPP Academic Programs Coordinator at dcrawley@pennmedicine.upenn.edu , if you have any questions.