



Academic Job Search Group

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(Sponsored by: CoE Postdoc Advisory Committee)

Postdoc Advisory Committee (Engineering Circle)

1. New initiative by the Associate Dean of Research to help and support **CoE postdocs** specifically.
 - a) Postdoc liaison: **Elizabeth Wagner** (elwa@umich.edu)
 - b) Faculty mentor: **Dr. Mark Moldwin** (mmoldwin@umich.edu)
2. Currently planning events and programs:
 - a) Sent questionnaire to understand the needs of the PDF community
 - b) This “**Academic Job Search Group**” is one such effort
 - c) More: Industry job search group, Social groups etc.
3. Group name and logo will be finalized at the upcoming event on **Sep 14th** (Postdoc Orientation/welcome party)
4. Read the minutes of PAC meetings and volunteer for events.

Join Facebook Group @ fb.com/groups/MEpostdocs



Goals: Academic Job Group

Establish a community in the form of small groups to:

1. Critique each other's application documents
2. Provide support and accountability throughout the application process
3. Connect to faculty for input on application documents such as:
 - a) Research Statement
 - b) Teaching Statement/Teaching philosophy
 - c) Chalk talks (if there's momentum later in the semester)



Research Statements:

Sign up (if you're still interested)

1. We will assign you to small groups (2-4 people)
2. Each small group will work out their own plan
3. Designated writing time and place
4. Online collaboration/communication
5. Daily writing habits
6. Accountability structure to help motivation
7. Whatever you like....

Once you have a presentable draft (2 – 3 weeks?) we will connect each small group with a faculty mentor to offer expert advice on your statements.



Some Online Resources (For Research Statement)

1. From Universities:

- a) My favorite: vpul.upenn.edu/careerservices/writtenmaterials/researchstatements.php
- b) [Careers.uw.edu/ifiles/all/files/docs/gradstudents/pdfs/AcademicCareers-Research_Statements_07-08.pdf](http://careers.uw.edu/ifiles/all/files/docs/gradstudents/pdfs/AcademicCareers-Research_Statements_07-08.pdf)
- c) [Postdocs.cornell.edu/research-statement](http://postdocs.cornell.edu/research-statement)

2. Blogs

Theprofessorisin.com/2012/08/30/dr-karens-rules-of-the-research-statement/

3. Professional writing groups

Academiccoachingandwriting.org/academic-writing/academic-writing-blog/vi-writing-the-research-statement-how-and-why-you-research-what-you-do



Follow-up meeting:

- 1) Some feedback about writing/group experiences, which strategies worked/didn't, which pitfalls were common?
- 2) We can start building resources for next year's postdocs since we'll all get awesome faculty jobs...😊
- 3) Start similar process for teaching statements (CRLT has a LOT of great resources on this topic online!)



Questions/Suggestions?

(Sign up if you're interested!)

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-For the postdocs by the postdocs

