



What are we about?

The BPDA is led by postdocs for postdocs.

Our aim is to foster a sense of community, encourage communication, and aid in creating a collaborative environment among postdocs by **advocacy** efforts and organizing **social** and **career development** events.

You'll find all of this info in our bi-monthly newsletter.

If you are reading this as an **institutional postdoc officer** or a member of a **postdoctoral association**, thanks for your support! We'd love it if you could forward these updates to your trainees/colleagues!

If there's something you want to see included, tell us at: bpdapubaffairs@gmail.com.



TOTAL Phone App for Boston Postdocs

We are pleased to announce the launch of **Training Opportunities To Augment Learning (TOTAL)** a digital platform that allows biomedical trainees to sign-up to attend career and professional development events that are held at collaborating institutions in the Boston Area (Boston University, MassBioEd, Northeastern University, Tufts University, UMass Boston and UMass Med). On TOTAL, users can select the skills and career trajectories of interest to them. Then via phone app or email, they will be apprised of those 'tagged' events that address their stated interests and they can reserve a spot to attend.

Those interested in this free new tool that gives access to career and professional development activities in the Greater Boston Area, can make an account here using their University e-mail address: <https://mytotalcareer.org/register> (see instructions below on how to add the app to your cell phone).

*TOTAL is a progressive web app, here are instructions on how to add it to your phone:

Android- visit mytotalcareer.org on your phone and there will be a popup giving you the option to add the App to your Home Screen (with the option after to receive notifications).

iOS- visit mytotalcareer.org in Safari (this will not work on Google), click the share button in the bottom middle of the Safari screen and click "Add to Home Screen" visit [here](#) for more instructions on how to add to your iOS phone.

We are grateful to BU IT for their hard work in developing this exciting tool that has been made possible through funding from Burroughs Welcome Fund Career Guidance for Trainees and the BU Digital Education Initiative.

The graphic features a dark red background with a white logo on the left consisting of a stylized atom with a line graph superimposed on it. To the right of the logo, the word "ACTIVATE" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters, with "Entrepreneurship Program" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. Below the title, there are five numbered steps in white boxes, each with a title and a description. The steps are: 1. Team Formation, 2. Mentor Matching, 3. Hands-on Workshops, 4. Professional Development Opportunities, and 5. Final Pitch Showcase. At the bottom of the graphic, the text "Applications Open! More Info @ www.activate.bio" is written in white.

ACTIVATE
Entrepreneurship Program

- 1 Team Formation**
Align scientists and MBA students with interest in launching a venture and facilitate self-matching process
- 2 Mentor Matching**
Mentorship powered by MassBio provides long-term business guidance from experienced entrepreneurs and biotech executives
- 3 Hands-on Workshops**
Iterate on key components of a science-first business thesis through deep-dive workshops with industry experts
- 4 Professional Development Opportunities**
Enable networking with faculty, biotech executives, first-time founders, and VCs.
- 5 Final Pitch Showcase**
Teams present to audience of program mentors, Harvard academics, industry veterans, and world class VC judges

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Activate is a life sciences entrepreneurship program that enables the next generation of bio-entrepreneurs to launch successful life sciences companies. The program fosters collaboration among students of complimentary skillsets and provides teams with hands-on mentorship from world-class life sciences VCs and operators in Boston.

Check out the [website](#) for more info about the program, timeline, application, advisors, and past cohorts!

Applications are now open on a rolling cycle through Nov. 13th 2020.

Author Chat



REINVESTING IN
YOUR RHETORIC
WITH JILL SLYE

Your guide to becoming confident, communicating
clearly, and delivering the best speech of your career.

ZOOM

NOVEMBER 05, 2020

For more information visit:

<https://www.westorg.org/2020-11-05-author-chat-jill-slye>

This and more upcoming webinars/virtual events from WEST - Advancing
Women in the Enterprise of Science and Technology

- [11/5: Author Chat - Reinvesting in Your Rhetoric with Jill Slye](#)
- [11/17: Empathy Works!](#)
- [12/1: How to Captivate Your Virtual Audience](#)
- [1/12: Demonstrating Business Impact](#)
- [1/25: Everyone Communicates, Few Connect: Communicating for Impact and Results](#)

Are you interested in a career in consulting?

A small group of interested people at **Boston University** are organizing a **Med/Tech consulting club**. This is for Postdocs, interested in transitioning into consulting in conjunction with a group of PhD students.

The aim of the group is to do case practices, learn some vocabulary and discuss opportunities available outside academia in consulting. The club should be a network for people to get feedback on their Resumes and to potentially build a future alumni network for the next generation PhD students and Postdocs that want to make this transition.

JOBS:

Internship | the Engine

Open for postdocs

[Details here](#)

Communications Associate | Seeding Lab

Full-time position

[Details here](#)

Postdoctoral position | BCH

Position Description: A postdoctoral position in the Park laboratory (Sang Park, PhD) in the Division of Endocrinology, Boston Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, located in the Longwood Medical Area, Boston, MA. The goal of our research is to understand the mechanisms by which insulin resistance, glucose intolerance, and type 2 diabetes develop in obesity. This involves understanding the insulin receptor signaling and the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress pathways. We specifically focus on the liver and skeletal muscle. The successful candidate will enjoy excellent training opportunities in a collaborative research environment, benefit from the diverse scientific environment of Harvard Medical School, and be exposed to a wide array of state-of-the-art technologies, including molecular biology, cellular biology, histology, and innovative animal models.

To Apply: Please send a CV, the names of three references, and a cover letter briefly describing your research experience, interests, and career goals to the contact information below.

Email: Sang Park, PhD at sangwon.park@childrens.harvard.edu



.... and we are always looking for more folks in our **Career Development, Advocacy, Social, or Public Affairs** Committees. Reach out or [click here](#) if you are interested in becoming involved with the BPDA.

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