

Postdoc Appreciation Week

Celebrating Postdoctoral research, scholarly contributions, and creative activity

Theme: "Communication and Collaboration in Postdoctoral Research"

"Donuts with Dean Bargu Ates"

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 9am – 10am Pinkie Gordon Lane Graduate School, 124 Hatcher Hall

A conversation with Graduate School Dean Bargu Ates and select postdocs, aimed at strengthening communication and collaboration between graduate students and postdoctoral scholars

"Postdoc Networking Lunch"

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 12pm – 1pm LSU Union, Vieux Carre Room, 325

An informal networking lunch where postdocs can connect with colleagues across disciplines, share research interests, and hear an engaging talk from Dean Clinton Willson of the College of the Coast & Environment

"Postdoc Appreciation Day"

Thursday, September 24, 2026 9:00am – 1pm LSU Union, Atchafalaya Room, 339

9:15 am Opening Remarks

Dr. Samba Dieng

Associate Vice Provost, Office of Global Engagement

9:30 am Keynote on Communication and Collaboration in Research

Dr. John Flake

Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, Cain Department of Chemical Engineering

10:00 am Louisiana Biomedical Research Network

Dr. Konstantin "Gus" Kousoulas

Department Head of Pathobiological Sciences, School of Veterinary Medicine

10:30 am Break

10:40 am Career Advice for Postdocs

Dr. Ibrahim Baggili

Chair, Professor Division of Computer Science and Engineering

11 am Ethos, Pathos, & Logos Workshop

Boz Bowles

Director of Student & Faculty Development, Chevron Center for Engineering Education

12 pm Lunch-1 pm Adjourn