Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

OPdA
“Our postdocs, alongside our postgraduate students, embody our future and our world-class scholarly ambition, and they deserve the ambition on our part to match it.

They are, and will be, successful but we must also want them to think of Cambridge as the place that changed their lives, and helped and supported them in all aspects at this critical time in their careers.

In achieving that, we empower them to ensure the continued international standing of the University.”

Prof. Sir Leszek Borysiewicz
Vice-Chancellor 2010-2017
What’s special about Cambridge?

**Self-governing:** At times bureaucratic – but highly democratic

**Collegiate:** 31 interdependent, self-governing Colleges

**Size:**

- 19k students = 12k undergrad + 7k postgrad
- 11k staff = 1.7k academic + 1.7k academic-related + 3.6k assistant + 4k postdocs

**International:** Over 50% of postdocs (90 nationalities) and 28% academic staff
How Cambridge is structured

- Colleges
- Faculties & Departments
- Academic Services
- Staff & Student Services
- Central Admin
- University
- Non-School Institutions
- University Businesses
Senior members of the University

Chancellor
Lord Sainsbury of Turville

Vice-Chancellor
Professor Stephen Toope

Registry
Emma Rampton

The Pro-Vice-Chancellors

Professor David Cardwell
Strategy and Planning

Professor Eilis Ferran
Institutional & International Affairs

Professor Andy Neely
Enterprise & Business Relations

Professor Chris Abell
Research

Professor Graham Virgo
Education
Enable Postdocs to Realise Their Potential

Why are we here?

A home for postdocs
Welcome, communities & spaces

A voice for postdocs
Policy and advocacy

Enhancing the postdoc experience
RD, entrepreneurship, leadership and fellowships

Linking to the world beyond Cambridge
Corporate engagement and alumni

A positive and thriving research culture
Keeping you informed

The OPdA provides a clear point of information and regular updates through:

- **Weekly email bulletin** with upcoming events, training, funding and other opportunities
- **Follow us on Twitter** for news & updates from/for the postdoc community
- **Online Postdoc Calendar:** collates events for postdocs from over 20 providers across the University

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