

UCLA Postdoctoral Scholar Advisory Council (PSAC)
Meeting Notes
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MEETING SUMMARY

1. Discussion Topics: attendees had free-form discussions about the topics below.

- AGEP-Research University Alliance (RUA) Grant
 - Alliance of R1 research universities that aims to increase URM faculty by providing networking opportunities for grad students and postdocs
 - Focus on STEM fields
 - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
 - Networking opportunities
 - Research exchanges between participating universities
 - Conferences
 - Meet faculty and deans
 - Exchange experiences with present and past participants
 - Workshops
 - Preparation for faculty positions
 - Grant writing
 - Application resources: Postdoc portal
- Professional Development Needs
 - COVID has changed the current job market: academic hiring freezes
 - Recorded professional development workshops:
<https://www.postdoc.ucla.edu/professional-development-workshop-presentations/>
 - Build professional development programs (career exploration & self-assessment) for new postdocs
- Postdoc COVID 19 Survey
 - Research delay and feel less prepared to the job market
 - More access to outdoor and virtual physical recreation