

Thank You Notes from PIs

A big "Thank you" to all my current and former postdocs. They have been great! ~ *Aiyi Liu, NICHD*

Our fellows are the life-blood of the NIH. They perform most of our research and with their own hands and minds contribute enormously to our important discoveries. Indeed, they in themselves are one of our major products and as PI's we take enormous pride in witnessing their success after they leave the NIH and embark on their own careers.

Bravo, NIH Postdocs! You are amazing. ~ *Alan Sher, NIAID*

The postdocs are the heart of NIH. I would like to express my deep appreciation to all the postdocs, especially to my group: D. R., J. G., and T. T.. You are great!!!

I also wanted to give special thanks to all the postdocs from LISB and the postdocs from the IIG Steering Committee! ~ *Aleksandra Nita-Lazar, NIAID*

With the skills and dedication of the new generation of Fellows. I should say that I am lucky that I am hiring them, not competing with them. There are so good. ~ *Amir H. gandjbakhche, NICHD*

Post-docs are essential to our research at the NIH. Not only do they provide ideas and data, but represent the future of biomedical research and beyond. Their success is our success; the NIH mission would not be accomplished without this critical group of smart, hard-working and resilient scientists. Their resilience and fortitude has undoubtedly been particularly challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic. And yet, they march on – masked, distanced and joyful to be back in the lab doing what they love. Kudos to all of you – we are tremendously grateful for your contributions to science at the NIH and look forward to your future success! ~ *Amy Newman, NIDA*

To all trainees in the lab (Y., C., J., W. and N.) and in our institute, a word of appreciation for all the work you do! Thank you for your resilience in these difficult times and keep it up! Andre ~ *Andre Larochelle, NHLBI*

You are so much better than I was! It makes me excited to see what happens when you take over... Thanks for all the hard work, humor, and patience. ~ *Andrew Singleton, NIA*

Dear trainees in the IRP, we are who are in the entire biomedical research community because of your hard work, dedication and commitment to the mission of individual labs, institutes and the NIH as a whole. This is a particularly challenging year and kudos to you for battling adversities on all fronts and keeping your work going. Take care and thank you very much. ~ *Anirban Banerjee, NICHD*

Dr. J. C.-S. is a post-doctoral fellow in NIMHD. She is a true force of nature and we are so fortunate to have her with us. She is brilliant, extremely dedicated and productive, and

compassionate. She is a true role model, demonstrating the value of diversity, commitment to scientific rigor, and benefits of creativity. We appreciate you so much, J.!

Anna ~ *Anna Maria Napoles, NIMHD*

Our postdocs are what make the lab what it is! They drive the research, keep the lab running, and mentor the postbacs and summer students in the lab. They've stayed committed during these difficult times, and are on track to have amazing careers in their fields of choice! ~

Anonymous, NCI

Your hard work and dedication is what drives science forward. With you, the world is a better and smarter place! ~ *Anonymous, NIA*

Thank you so much for all of your hard work. You are the future! ~ *Anonymous, NIAID*

With their enthusiasm, joy of discovery, and focused insights, post-doctoral fellows are a lifeblood of the research environment at the NIH, we are all enriched by their presence and I wish to thank them for their wonderful contributions to science and to the NIH. ~ *Anonymous, NICHD*

It's a pleasure and a privilege to mentor the outstanding trainees in my laboratory. I learn so much from them. ~ *anonymous, NIDCD*

My postdocs (and predocs) keep me on my toes by continuously bringing new methods and approaches to our team. ~ *anonymous, NIEHS*

Working with postdocs is the most exciting and rewarding part of being a PI. Thanks for your hard work, energy, and enjoyment of science. ~ *Anonymous, NIEHS*

They are the brains of the operation. ~ *Anonymous, NINDS*

They are the linchpin of our labs. They bring unique expertise, work tirelessly, train other students, publish results and challenge our thinking; all with a smile and grin! Thank you! ~ *Avi Nath, NINDS*

To my postdocs and postbacs,

We are commonly obsessed with success and fearful of failure, forgetting that it is the sum of the two together that make the scientist. In ruminating on our many setbacks, a prevalent mistake is to forget to thank those that do so much of the work. Please know that I am deeply grateful for the work that you do and that my every day is made brighter by the knowledge that you are part of our group. As Shakespeare said, "I can no other answer make, but thanks; and thanks; and ever thanks..." (twelfth night). Thank you again for your hard work and for being part of our group. ~ *Ben Afzali, NIDDK*

PostDocs are engines of science, absolutely essential for fulfilling NIH mission. It is a privilege to work with you! ~ *Bibi Bielekova, NIAID*

Post docs add so much intellectual stimulation to our community - they invigorate us, challenge us with new ideas and perspectives, and help make our research better. We thank them for their service and dedication. ~ *Bill Klein, NCI*

The dedication and hard work of the fellows are critical for providing new discoveries and guiding the science forward ~ *Bob Seder, NIAID*

Thanks so much to S., R. and E. for all ye do for our research group!!! ~ *Brid Ryan, NCI*

My postdocs are the brains and engine of my lab. I am very lucky to have such a talented set of postdocs ~ *Bruce Hope, NIDA*

The post-doc contributions are irreplaceable. Their work is our inspiration. ~ *Bruno Averbek, NIMH*

We have been working remotely for several months now. I am impressed with the commitment to excellence in research and the scientific productivity that all peoples in my group have demonstrated in this difficult time. I want to congratulate all postdocs for their commitment and determination. ~ *Carlo Pierpaoli, NIBIB*

Post Docs are the engine and the heart of research at NIH. Their energy and creativity keeps laboratories alive, and their commitment and determination carries projects through the finish line. Thank you for your dedication and passion for science!! ~ *Carolina Barillas-Mury, NIAID*

To all my fellows, past and present,
I greatly appreciate your dedication, effort, thoughtfulness, and contributions. I have certainly learned a lot from you. Take care in these trying times. ~ *Carson Chow, NIDDK*

Thanks a lot to all graduate and postdoctoral fellows in the lab for the dedication and all the innovative research they have done especially since the start of the pandemic. You're doing great despite all the difficulties. Hopefully we will be back in the lab soon. ~ *Cenk Sahinalp, NCI*

The greatest part of my job is working with all the postdoc fellows - their hard work, enthusiasm and general brilliance is what makes the lab tick. And I learn so much from them! A sincere thank you to all postdocs I have been fortunate enough to work with. ~ *Chris Baker, NIMH*

Thank you Brittney for driving innovation in our lab with your creativity and inquisitiveness. ~ *Christina Annunziata, NCI*

I would like to thank the CIRS postdocs for their outstanding team effort and resilience to keep the lab afloat during these unprecedented times. You rock! ~ *Claudia Kemper, NHLBI*

Thanks for to all of our postdocs! We couldn't do it without you! ~ *David Sibley, NINDS*

Post-doc: T. G.

Amazing work on predicting hospital acquired disease. The work resulted in publications in prestigious journals and conferences. Both T. G. and M. S. for quickly adding COVID-19 related research to their ongoing work and achieving stellar results in organizing and participating in community-wide evaluations ~ *Dina Demner-Fushman, NLM*

My deepest appreciation of everyone trying to juggling work and home in this extraordinary and difficult times!! ~ *Doris Wu, NIDCD*

So tremendously thankful for our wonderful fellows! It's truly a joy to mentor them and see them grow not only as great scientists but the next leaders in the field. They have demonstrated such resilience during this difficult time as well as compassion in helping each other and their communities out. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!! ~ *Edwina Yeung, NICHD*

The NIMH post-docs are the most awesome group of people. They are the engine of our research. Working with them is a great honor and great fun! ~ *Ellen Leibenluft, NIMH*

Without postdocs/trainees, there would be scarcely any research data produced, i.e. much less progress made. Their youth and energy is essential to buoy the whole group. Watching them proceed with their lives onward is most rewarding. THANK YOU ALL! ~ *Esta Sterneck, NCI*

You are the back-bone of scientific thoughts and advances at the NIH. Your hard work and passion for research propels us forward and never goes unnoticed. Thank you! ~ *Fasil Tekola-Ayele, NICHD*

PostDocs and Visiting Fellows keep us all interested, active, and productive. Thank you for your hard work! ~ *Francis J McMahon, NIMH*

Postdocs are the lifeblood of NIH! Though 2020 is a tough year for everyone, we've got your back. ~ *Francis S Collins, NHGRI*

The NIH is an extremely fortunate research institution where some of the best postdocs in the world come to train. These exceptional scientists provide the foundational core of our research program, and represent the future of biomedical research. They care about the world we live in, and want to make substantive contributions to make it a better place. Our future is in great hands! ~ *Glenn Merlino, NCI*

Thank you! thank you!! thank you!!! What we do, is powered by you--your insights, creativity and hard work. We couldn't possibly be so impactful without you. Thank you. ~ *Gregory Germino, NIDDK*

My postdocs are the most important persons driving the exciting science in my lab. I am thankful and so proud of them! ~ *Guohong Cui, NIEHS*

Our Postdoc Dr. K. M. has brought both heart and intellect to our entire research group. K, you are generous with your time and talents, highly inquisitive and innovative. Since you arrived you have sparked scientific creativity throughout our entire team not letting the virtual world slow you down. I couldn't be more grateful! ~ *Gwenyth Wallen, CC*

I highly appreciate your hard work.
Thank you
Harish Pant ~ *Harish C. Pant, NINDS*

Many, many thanks to all of the postdocs at the NIH who have continued to show great dedication to their research and to work hard during this exceptionally trying time! ~ *Harris Bernstein, NIDDK*

I want to thank all postdocs, but especially the ones in my lab for their dedication and flexibility during these very challenging times. Working from home some days and in lab others is a super challenge and with small children and home I'm amazed with how resilient our postdocs are. ~ *Henry Levin, NICHD*

You are the foundation of the intramural program. We would not succeed in benefitting the human condition without you ~ *Howard Young, NCI*

Postdocs and fellows are the soul and the brainpower of our labs and clinics. So grateful they are there to challenge us and to push science forward! ~ *Irini Sereti, NIAID*

Your insights, effort and dedication have expanded the boundaries of our research and will contribute in no small part to the future of drug development. ~ *J. Inglese, NHGRI*

We have great postdocs. Not only do they work hard under these extremely difficult circumstances, but they boost morale by their cheerful personalities. We are fortunate to have such bright, industrious and nice postdocs. I love working with them. ~ *James Mills, NICHD*

Two simple words, "thank you", cannot express the incredible value and quality that our fellows bring to our research and patient care. NIH would not be complete or as diverse or as fun without their contributions. ~ *Janice Lee, NIDCR*

Thanks to all of you for making it possible to advance our research and for your novel insights to improve our work. ~ *Jeffrey Cohen, NIAID*

My postdocs have been invaluable, and without their contributions, my research would not be where it is today. They motivate me and we make it fun! ~ *Jennifer Lee, NHLBI*

Thank you to all my postdoctoral trainees and research fellows and to those from other groups with whom we collaborate! The research of the NIH would not move forward at the same pace without you. You are the future of scientific research and I am so proud to be contributing to the training of such amazing young people! Best wishes to all of you in your future careers and thanks for all that you do for the NIH and for science in general. The future of public health in our country and the world depends on you! ~ *Joan E Bailey-Wilson, NHGRI*

BIG THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL POST-DOC, POST-BAC and CLINICAL FELLOWS for fearlessly moving the science forward. Personal thank you to S., S., K., M., S. and R. - YOU ROCK! Special thanks to S. for continued success after transitioning from clinical fellowship to a Staff Clinician position - you are our STAR! THANK YOU!!!! ~ *JOANNA KLUBO-GWIEZDZINSKA, NIDDK*

Postdocs continue to push science forward, despite the obstacles that COVID has placed before them. ~ *Joe Ziegelbauer, NCI*

I appreciate the dedication and help of the post docs A. and D. in the Biotechnology core NIDDK. In addition to handling their research projects they assist in the general operation of the facility; without their help it would have been impossible to operate and keep the facility operational at this time. Thank you. ~ *Joseph Shiloach, NIDDK*

Thank you for your continued enthusiasm for discovery research and the excitement that you bring every day to the lab. You are the best! ~ *Jurrien Dean, NIDDK*

A very heartfelt appreciation to all of the post-docs and other members of our lab. Without you, none of the work that we have done could have been possible. The ideas that you bring, the stimulating discussions that result, and the daily interactions has truly made it easy to come to work so excited every day. Thank you! Kareem ~ *Kareem A Zaghloul, NINDS*

Post-docs are a vital part of the NIH research program. They bring new ideas, enthusiasm, and a lot of talent to DIR. ~ *Karin Peterson, NIAID*

I'm proud to work with a team full of ambitious people who continue to deliver excellent results. Working with you is one of the highlights of my job, so thanks for your hard work and for making the (virtual) workplace an enjoyable place to be. I'm looking forward to following your careers and seeing all that you accomplish. ~ *Katherine Grantz, NICHD*

A BIG shout out to our fantastic postdoctoral fellow, Dr. J. C. C.-S.! She puts in the work to understand and reduce tobacco use disparities in the US, contributes to many projects within the lab, and mentors post-baccalaureate fellows and summer interns in a caring and nurturing manner. Her scientific accomplishments are recognized within and outside of the NIH

community. Above all, she is a fun and friendly person to be around. Very luck to have her. Thank you for being you, Julia! ~ *Kelvin Choi, NIMHD*

We greatly appreciate our postdocs and all of their innovative contributions and hard work toward our goals. ~ *Kenner Rice, NIDA*

Thank you for your dedication to research and discovery during these especially challenging times! ~ *Laurie Krug, NCI*

To the PostDocs in the Diabetes Molecular Genetics Section in Phoenix-
Thank you for sharing your creative ideas.
Thank you for utilizing your outstanding skills.
Thank you for your commitment and motivation.
Thank you for selflessly embracing teamwork.
Thank you for your kindness and positivity.
I am so honored to work with you. ~ *Leslie Baier, NIDDK*

Post-docs make the scientific world go 'round! Many thanks to all of them, and special thanks to Dr. C. S. for all her hard work, leadership, and creativity. ~ *Lisa Cunningham, NIDCD*

Thanks to the IETP fellows for keeping us on our toes and asking difficult questions.....Hormones are where its at! ~ *Lynnette Nieman, NIDDK*

PostDocs are the engine for all the work and, thus all the progress, in our Section. We would be nothing without them. MANY THANKS! ~ *Mark Hallett, NINDS*

I want to show my appreciation to all post-docs in our group for their hard work, enthusiasm and dedication particularly during this unusually difficult time. ~ *Masaki Terabe, NCI*

We have phenomenal post-docs at NIMH, especially in the Emotion and Development Branch! I appreciate Drs. Simone Haller and Reut Naim. They each demonstrate deep commitment to research, passion and creativity. They make the process of research both an art and a science! ~ *Melissa Brotman, NIMH*

Thanks for all you do despite the challenges of working during a pandemic. You are awesome. I'll help you achieve your dreams anyway I can. Stay strong!! ~ *Mia Sung, NIA*

My sole postdoc has done a really spectacular job - from training summer college students, who have emerged excited by learning they can do important experiments themselves. His own work is excellent, imaginative and productive, I am very grateful for his presence in my lab. ~ *Michael Cashel, NICHD*

We appreciate the hard work and creativity from our NIH post-docs. We will do whatever we can to help advance your careers during the COVID-19 pandemic. ~ *Michael Gottesman, OD*

My postdocs are the LIFELINE of the lab. They are motivated, hard working, strategic in planning and interpreting their experiments for publications. Above all they have coped extremely well during the pandemic and planned return to work for optimal use of their time in the lab. THANKS for all you do for my laboratory, our research program, the mission of NIH and the scientific community. ~ *Munira A Basraj, NCI*

You are the driving force of the scientific enterprise. Thank you for your hard work! ~ *Natalie Porat-Shliom, NCI*

Post-docs are the best thing about having an NIH lab! We appreciate their enthusiasm, their fresh ideas, and their hard work! ~ *Pamela Robey, NIDCR*

Thank you, Dr. J. W.!! You have been a fabulous postdoc. I truly appreciate all you have done and continue to do for the lab. You're an amazing scientist and I look forward to the not-too-distant future when you have your own research group! Patti ~ *Patti Rosa, NIAID*

I want to let my postdoctoral fellow, A. K., know that his efforts in the lab and dedication to science are most appreciated and valued. You are a great colleague! ~ *Paul Doetsch, NIEHS*

My postdocs are hard working and brilliant! I sincerely appreciate that they agree with my scientific vision and would like to contribute their wisdom together on the path of fighting cancer and other diseases. I will definitely do my best to support their career development. ~ *Peng Jiang, NCI*

Post doctoral fellows are the pillars of my research program. Their enthusiasm, hard work and thoughtful criticism are the core strength of the success in my lab. ~ *Perwez Hussain, NCI*

Thank you Post Docs! We depend on your hard work, brilliant insights, intellectual energy and effervescent enthusiasm to accomplish our mission! ~ *Peter Choyke, NCI*

You are the heart and soul of the NIH! Thank you for sharing your brilliance, creativity and hard work! ~ *Peter Crompton, NIAID*

Thank you for all the great ideas, innovative work, and resilience through the tough times! ~ *Quan Yuan, NINDS*

Much of the scientific advances and breakthroughs in our labs take place in part due to the innovation and hard work of postdocs. So, a big Thank You to all of you for your dedication to advancing our knowledge through scientific rigor. ~ *Reza Momenan, NIAAA*

My fellows are awesome! I'm so proud of how they all came together over the past few months to work on a new SARS-CoV-2 based research project. ~ *Robin Stanley, NIEHS*

All the creative and insightful science I have been a part of at NIH, from the earliest days of my lab founding to now, has been the result of working in a collegial manner with terrific fellows. The most enjoyable part of running a lab is discussing science with trainees, thrilling together at new discoveries, and fostering the emergence of new independent scientists who go on to lead strong laboratories of their own. To everyone that I have shared the journey with, Thank You. ~ *Ronald N. Germain, NIAID*

I am so thankful for the hard work, creativity, dedication and teamwork exhibited by my postdoctoral fellows. It is a great honor and pleasure to work with them at NIH! ~ *Ronald Summers, MD, PhD, CC*

Thank you A. V. for all your leadership and management skills both inside and outside the lab. You're such a great scientist and it prides me to see your career flourish along with your confidence as a young investigator! ~ *Sadhana Jackson, NINDS*

Thank you so much for your hard work in carrying out research, in mentoring others and contributing to the well-being of the RNA Biology Laboratory and the larger community! ~ *Sandra Wolin, NCI*

Our postdocs face many stressors these days (appointment deadlines, financial hardships, family commitments, restrictions due to the COVID pandemic, etc.). It is always amazing how well they preserve their scientific curiosity and commitment to research quality & integrity despite these stressors! I feel blessed to be working with them. ~ *Sanjay Desai, NIAID*

Postdocs are the backbone of science. Thank you for all of your hard work. ~ *Sean Conlan, NHGRI*

I am extremely grateful to my postdocs for sharing their talent, time, and wisdom with me. We owe our scientific identity to our postdocs and students. ~ *Sridhar Hannenhalli, NCI*

It is a great privilege for me to work with my postdoctoral fellows. They are a source of inspiration for me. I have also been amazed at their dedication and resilience in the current challenging situation. They keep me going. ~ *Stephanie London, NIEHS*

Thank you so much for all that you do to advance science and make NIH such a great place to work! ~ *Sunni Mumford, NICHD*

I am honored to work with three amazing and inspiring postdocs: M. P., A. R., and P. S.. They are wonderful role models for our lab and we appreciate their hard work and dedication. Thank you! ~ *Susan Buchanan, NIDDK*

I join the NIH community to thank all fellows for their hard work and contributions to our collective research efforts. A special shout-out to F. L. D. A. who joined my group last January

and despite all the challenges of our new normal, is charging ahead with projects and collaborations. ~ *Susan Moir, NIAID*

New perspectives, new ideas, enthusiasm! They make the lab a exciting workplace. ~ *Susan Wray, NINDS*

On behalf of the LPD/NIAID, I wanted to express our appreciation for the incredible hard work, dedication to your craft, and amazing insights each of you has made during your postdoctoral years at the NIH. The postdoctoral fellows have clearly been the backbone underlying most of the scientific advances made in the LPD and in the NIAID. ~ *Thomas Nutman, NIAID*

Dr. T. M. - has worked on the development of Synapsis and has made significant contributions to improving micro-scoping technics in our laboratory. She worked on the outstanding problems and made several paper contributions which answered a lot of questions in the evolution of synapses. We appreciate her input. Thank you very much! Thomas Reese. ~ *Thomas Reese, NINDS*

Thank you for your tireless efforts in moving our science forward especially despite all of the recent obstacles. You are truly admired and appreciated!! ~ *Tiffany Powell-Wiley, NHLBI*

Postdocs – you bring enthusiasm, energy, and fresh ideas that contribute substantively to NIH and make our work here so much more rewarding. Thank you for all that you do, and for your perseverance during these challenging times! ~ *Tonja Nansel, NICHD*

Every year I am grateful for our postdocs, the ones in our research group and others that enrich our science and lives in many ways. This year I am even more grateful for the resilience, patience, and passion that our postdocs have shown in the midst of the challenges of the pandemic. You have dreamed up new projects, you have figured out how to work in and out of the lab, and in these ways you give us hope. Thank you so much! ~ *Traci Hall, NIEHS*

Thank you for your unreserved dedication to your work and your participation for a better work environment. ~ *Tsung Ping Su, NIDA*

I would like to thank all my fellows and PhD students for their tremendous dedication and hard work during the first 8 months of the COVID19 pandemic. They were truly instrumental in providing critical data on SARS-CoV-2 which directly helped the NIHs COVID19 response. I feel extremely fortunate to work with such a talented group of people. ~ *Vincent Munster, NIAID*

We are very fortunate to have Dr. E. P. with us. His dedication to Drug Metabolism research has made a huge impact on Drug Discovery and Development for rare diseases. A big Thank You from all of us at DMPK group! ~ *Xin Xu, NCATS*

You are the future of science. Thank you for your dedication, your hard work, your enthusiasm, your willingness to take risks in the pursuit of the truth, and your grit in getting the job done. It is appreciated every single day. ~ *Yamini Dalal, NCI*

Thank you, S. and O., for everything you for the team. I am very proud of you and feel fortunate to have you in my lab! ~ *Yarimar Carrasquillo, NCCIH*

Dear S.,

Thank you for choosing my lab for your next step of career development. We are very excited to work with you in the future!! ~ *Yi Gu, NINDS*

A sincere Thank You for your hard work; your perseverance and determined commitment, your observations, formulations and your helping hand. Most importantly, thank you for working together so we can do it better, this thing they call research. ~ *Yogita Chudasama, NIMH*