

Thank You Notes from Training Directors

Training is a circle, not a line. I cannot adequately convey how much I have been trained by our trainees! Some of my most important lessons have in fact been from our trainees, here in the house of hope. Especially in our multi-disciplinary Center within CC, NCI, and NIBIB, the trainees bring such a wealth and breadth of knowledge and their enthusiasm is contagious. Senior staff welcome the opportunity to pause, listen, and appreciate our amazing trainees! Diversity of thought leads to innovation and solutions. Especially in these unprecedented times, Isaac Newton's words ring true: "If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants." Those giants for me are in GPP, Ox-Cam, MRSP, CRTP, HHMI, IRTA, CRTA, BESIP, & VFP.

-in humble appreciation... ~ *Brad Wood, CC*

Our postdocs are amazing, industrious scientists and the backbone of the research enterprise here at the NIH and NEI. I am thankful every day to be able to see you all achieve and persevere through these difficult times. We are so fortunate to have you as part of our scientific community. ~ *Cesar Perez, NEI*

Dear postdocs, you are the lifeblood of NIH research. Thanks for your resilience and dedication during this difficult year. ~ *David Lovinger, NIAAA*

Postdocs do it all- mentor junior trainees in the lab, support each other, advocate for themselves, and develop their research ideas, all while deciding what they want to do with the rest of their lives! You make me feel lucky every day to be a Training Director. ~ *Elyssa Monzack, NIDCD*

Thanks for all your efforts and your resiliency during these unusual times. You should be proud of your accomplishments. I wish you continued success! ~ *Erika Ginsburg, NCI*

I work with the best postdocs in the world! Thank you for your hard work, your dedication to DCEG, and for being such a wonderful group of scientists. It may be Postdoc Appreciation Week, but I appreciate you all year long. ~ *Jackie A. Lavigne, NCI-DCEG*

Our Postdocs, Visiting Fellows, Research Fellows and Clinical Fellows are the backbone of the NIMH IRP research efforts. We are very proud of who they are as people what they accomplish as scientists. We thank all of our trainees for their dedication to NIMH and their contributions to making the NIMH a vibrant research community!! ~ *Jan Clark, NIMH*

NCATS Postdocs ROCK!! Thank you for the amazing work you do and for being vital in moving the NCATS mission forward. Job well done!! ~ *Marcus Hodges, NCATS*

Our clinical fellows do so much to improve the lives of patients seen on NIAID protocols from taking wonderful care of patients to performing basic and translational research to advance our

understanding of patients with rare diseases. Thank you for all you do! ~ *Paneez Khoury, MD, NIAID*

I would like to thank all of our wonderful postdocs at NIEHS for their amazing dedication and tireless research efforts at the NIEHS. Your work makes all the difference in elevating the excellence in the research mission of our Institute and is greatly appreciated every day! ~ *Paul Doetsch, NIEHS*

A hearty thank you to all the post-docs in DCCPS who contribute in so many ways to the NCI mission and to the training community. You are appreciated! ~ *Richard Moser, NCI*

Amanda Rhodes is a phenomenal psychologist who I learn from every day. Thank you for all that you do, Amanda! ~ *Staci Martin Peron, NCI*

In just a few short months, Dr. N. A. G. has made herself indispensable. Thank you N. for everything you do! ~ *Staci Martin Peron, NCI*

Postdocs are the lifeblood of the scientific research enterprise, and their contributions and impact extend far beyond the lab. I've had the honor of working with postdocs at NIEHS for the past 8 years—and my mission is to help them succeed in their chosen career paths. What I never expected, however, was the profound impact that postdocs would have on me. Their passion and enthusiasm for making a REAL difference is infectious—I have been personally inspired by the work ethic of so many past postdocs who have worked countless hours to organize events such as a world-class career symposium that serves 400 of their peers. Other postdocs have renewed my perspective on the postdoc experience and have pushed me to approach training in new ways; the most recent example of this has been working with my institution's current postdoc leaders whose fresh ideas and approaches around opening up a wide array of communication channels have truly impacted the overall postdoc experience here in ways that will be felt for years to come.

In short, postdocs are outstanding, and they are the reason that I'm always excited to come to work—because I get to work alongside them. THANK YOU for everything that you do to improve the postdoc experience and to foster community among fellows. ~ *Tammy R. L. Collins, NIEHS*

I thank the Clinical Neurophysiology Fellows from 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 for their cooperativity, flexibility and good spirits through a training year dramatically changed by the COVID-19 pandemic. ~ *Tanya Lehky, NINDS*