

SURPAS Monthly Mailer

June 2021 edition

Ahoy there, fellow Postdoc!

Summer is here and we can finally work on tanning the lower half of our face again thanks to the relaxing COVID guidelines (well off campus that is). In personal news, this shall be the last Mailer I personally send out (so soon after it started, I know), as I am moving on from Stanford. But don't worry, dear reader, for the mailer is in good hands and will keep coming out! The mailer, and all of SURPAS activities, are put together by volunteer postdocs and we can always use more help! I strongly encourage everyone to get involved and be a part of a SURPAS committee.

Upcoming SURPAS Events

June Council Meeting

- June 24th 11:30a – 1:00p

Leadership elections will be taking place during the June council meeting! These positions are a great way to become more involved with SURPAS and the postdoc community here at Stanford. See page 4 of this mailer for more info on each of the roles.

Coffee Chat with OPA

- June 2nd 2:00p – 4:00p (info [here](#))

Better Ally Series, Ep 5

- June 3rd 12:00p – 1:30p (info [here](#))

SURPAS Slack Channel

You can join us on our Slack channel [here](#)!

Or by using this QR code:



Join a SURPAS Committee!

Committees are a great way to get involved in with SURPAS and help us enrich the postdoc experience at Stanford!

Active Committees

Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI)

- Meets ~1/month with various initiatives
- Contact: Seungsoo Kim (sskim10@stanford.edu)
Leeya Engel (leeya@stanford.edu)

Long Range Planning

- Meets ~1/month
- Contacts: Eamon Byrne (efxbyrne@stanford.edu)
Tim Mackenzie (tmackenz@stanford.edu)

SPIF

- Meets ~1/month to discuss proposals (see last page of mailer)
- Contact: Marios Georgiadis (mariosg@stanford.edu)

Symposium

- Meeting to plan the 2021 Postdoc Symposium
- Contact: Jason Guo (jasonguo@stanford.edu)
David Agyeman Budu (dnabudu@stanford.edu)

Social

- No formal meetings currently, ideas for events welcomed!
- Join our Coffee Buddies channel on Slack!

Communication

- No formal meetings currently, working on Mailer and Highlights
- Join our #communications slack channel to get involved!

Currently Dormant Committees

- Teaching and Outreach Committee
- Housing and Transportation Committee
- Family Committee
- International Committee

Committees become dormant when they lack people interested in leading projects within them. **If you are interested in any of these committees, reach out to SURPASleadership@stanford.edu and we would love to help you restart any of these committees!**

Join us on our Slack channel [here](#) to get involved with SURPAS Committees!

May Recap

SHARE Training



SURPAS hosted Grace Yan Poon from the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Education Title IX office who gave a wonderful workshop on how to live the Upstander Life and how one might identify and help with situations of assault and abuse. You can find more info on how you can be an upstander [HERE](#).

Bathroom Resolution

At the May council meeting, SURPAS Council passed a resolution in support of the University providing free menstrual products in all bathrooms on campus. This comes from a county order that recently came into effect, in which the county will provide free menstrual products in all county bathrooms. Read the resolution [HERE](#).

Vaccine Equity

Postdocs at Stanford had mobilized this last month to support more equitable vaccine distribution around the globe, specifically in India which has faced a large surge in COVID cases recently. Some positive steps were taken by the Biden administration to help this, but it shows the importance of public pressure and the strength we have when we come together. Read more about this petition [HERE](#).

Follow our social media pages to stay up to date with SURPAS!

[Twitter](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)



Leadership Team Elections in June!

Enhance your leadership and communication skills, learn about the inner workings of the academic system, and create the community that you want to be part of! **We are now accepting nominations for the leadership positions below.**

Co-chair: chairs Council Meetings, meets regularly with OPA, VPGE, and Faculty Senate, keeps the boat afloat!

Time commitment: 3-5h/week

Community Engagement Liaison: oversees committees and collaborative events, acts as representative to OSE, ASSU, and GSC

Time commitment: 1-2h/week

Operations Manager: sets meetings, tracks election cycles, acts as main point of communication for Council

Time commitment: 1-2h/week

Communications Coordinator: oversees listserv and slack channel, drafts email announcements

Time commitment: 2-3h/week

Social Media Coordinator: oversees social media accounts, keeps activities up-to-date

Time commitment: 2-4h/week

Advocacy Coordinator: works with co-chairs, OPA, and other offices to ensure postdocs have representation

Time commitment: 2-4h/week

Event Coordinator: organizes and oversees events

Time commitment: 1-2h/week

Financial Officer: keeps financial record, prepares annual budget, administers account

Time commitment: 1-2h/week

Use [this form](#) to nominate yourself

Elections will happen at our June Council Meeting
(June 24 @11:30am)

Postdoc Video Highlights

Do people in your life not understand what a “Postdoc” is? Are you tired of explaining your research over and over while at family gatherings? Well good news!

Postdoc Zheng Zuo has started a short-profile video program to highlight postdocs here at Stanford. We hope these videos will help the general public understand what it is postdocs do and who they are! Check out the first video highlight [here](#).



This is a new initiative and we are looking for people who would be interested in helping to film and organize videos, as well as for people who are interested in being interviewed/highlighted.

Please reach out to Zheng (zzuo@stanford.edu), SURPAS leadership, or join the #communications channel on the General SURPAS Chat Slack if you are interested!

Stanford Postdoc Initiative Fund

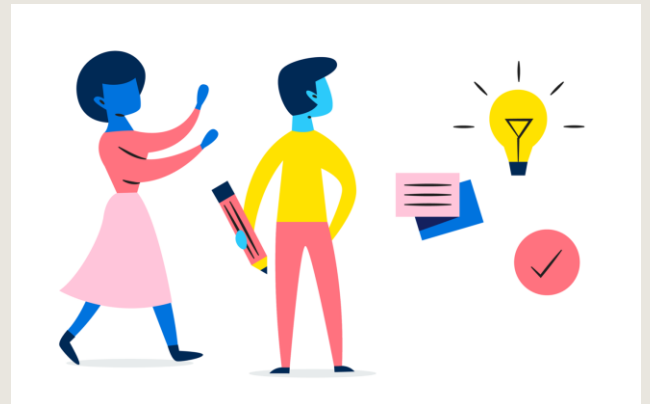
What is SPIF?

The Stanford Postdoc Initiative Fund (**SPIF**) was created to **Recognize** and **Support** project proposals from within the Stanford postdoc community in order to **Encourage** and **Enrich** postdoc experiences.

What type of project can get funded?

Past **SPIF** projects include:

- Multi-disciplinary journal clubs
- Seminar series
- Professional development workshops
- Sports & social gatherings
- *And more!*



How can I apply?

SPIF proposals are reviewed throughout the year, as they are received. You can find out more information about proposals, submit a letter of intent, and apply for a SPIF grant through our website:

<http://www.surpas.org/spif>

SPIF funding is still available, though some restrictions are in place due to social distancing requirements. If you have any questions about a potential project, please reach out to Marios Georgiadis (mariosg@stanford.edu)