




## The Postdocs of Cambridge (PdOC) Society

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#### Election to PdOC Society Committee

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<b>Brief Summary of Skills/Experience you could offer the PdOC society:</b> (200 words max) The information provided in this section will be published on the PdOC website.	
<p>Through my previous engagements with PdOC as Membership Officer and Vice President, I have been able to learn a lot about the overall relevance and aim of PdOC as well as its position within the University, and these experiences have been essential in defining the directions I have pushed for during my presidency last year. While trying to set a good example in leadership through clear structures and open communication, including ensuring accessibility for everyone interested in contributing or engaging on various levels, my main efforts and activities have been focused on strengthening PdOC's standing within the University as well as its function and corresponding acknowledgement as a representative institution for Cambridge's large and diverse postdoctoral community. This has enabled closer contacts to various University bodies, such as PdA and its team, but also to Central University, which I have fostered actively to resolve potential challenges faced by the community or to provide guidance.</p> <p>For the coming year, and building on these valuable connections and interactions, I intend to continue with the previously initiated advances to solidify PdOC's standing and opportunities as well as recognition long-term, and to ensure that the Society will be able to continue its activities along its maxim <i>for postdoc – by postdocs</i> for at least another 22 years.</p>	
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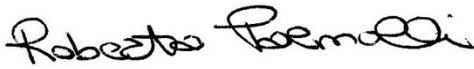


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Along the past three years I have been part of the PdOC Committee as Communication Officer and chair of the Communication Subcommittee. In this role, I have contributed to the distribution of PdOC weekly newsletter, maintenance of PdOC social networks and website. Moreover, I have contributed to discussions regarding the condition of postdocs at the University of Cambridge and participated in the selection of postdoc representatives for different University Committees. These past experiences helped me to better understand how both PdOC and the University function, therefore I believe that my knowledge would be beneficial for the position of Vice President. As Vice President, I will help in the management of PdOC Committee and activities. Moreover, I will contribute to PdOC efforts to support the postdoctoral community and to strengthen the connection with the different University services and institutions.
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<b>Brief Summary of Skills/Experience you could offer the PdOC society:</b> (200 words max) The information provided in this section will be published on the PdOC website. I have been working as a Postdoc in the University of Cambridge since January 2019. Later in August 2019, I joined the Events subcommittee and, in January 2020, I became PdOC Social and Networking Events officer. Since then, I have been actively participating in the society and organized several events, as wine and cheese in Eddington, pub nights, research talks, coffee hours and Research speed-dating, and helped as communications subcommittee member. I'm also planning to organize more PdOC events through the year in collaboration with West Hub libraries and Philosophical society, as examples. Given this, I would like to know if it would be possible to consider my application for Development Initiatives Officer. As member of the PdOC committee in the last 4 years, I have been gathering experience organizing events and contacting with several postdocs across the university. I believe I can be a proactive member, bringing new ideas and providing valuable help to the committee. Thank you all for the consideration.	
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I'm working as a Postdoc at Cambridge University for about 17 months now and previously been a visiting PhD in the same department. I'm a member of PdOC subcommittee for 1 year and have experience as a PhD representative at a national level network in Denmark (PhD Association Network of Denmark). I have a background in university bodies and collaboration and currently working on an interdisciplinary research project with collaborations outside my department within the University. This has equipped me with skills suitable for the Department officer and believe I can efficiently liaise with different departments and its reps and exchange information.
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<b>Brief Summary of Skills/Experience you could offer the PdOC society:</b> (200 words max) The information provided in this section will be published on the PdOC website. As a queer woman of colour in academia, I am passionate about the representation and advocacy of people from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds and hope to contribute to the equity and diversity of postdocs in Cambridge through this position. Having served on administrative, conference and leadership committees, I am keen to use my experiences to contribute to the PdOC society through similar activities. As the Welfare and ED&I officer I would also be enthusiastic to organise events alongside diverse communities within Cambridge and to help build a more inclusive and welcoming postdoc community here at the University.	
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<p>I am a Postdoctoral researcher at the University of Cambridge since February 2022, and my field of research is cell and tissue morphogenesis. Prior to this, I was a doctoral researcher at ETH Zurich, Switzerland, and towards the end of my PhD, I had also co-founded a Medical Device startup aimed at combatting hospital associated infections (HAI). Currently, I am also teaching the course titled "Biotechnology Entrepreneurship" since September 2022, which is offered by Cambridge Advanced Online (CAO).</p> <p>Through these experiences, I have gained relevant skills in key areas such as Intellectual Property (drafting patents, filing patent applications, etc.), Quality Management System (ISO 13485:2016 certified), and fundraising (Pre-seed/Seed, Business Angels, Family foundations, EU Horizon 2020, Innosuisse, NIHR, etc.). Additionally, I will bring knowhow about Regulatory Affairs, Project Management, Risk-management, Human-factor engineering, into the role of an Entrepreneurial Officer to aid in translating academic research into commercially viable technologies. Specifically, I will connect postdoctoral researchers to my larger professional network for kickstarting their own venture, to avail support for Registration with Companies House, Business bank-account opening at high-street banks, tax consultation concerning HMRC, PAYE and NI contributions, visa issues relating to Global Talent Visas, StartUp Visas etc.</p>	
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<p>I have previously hold representational roles in the Faculty of Physics of the Complutense University of Madrid (student representative in the Faculty Council, 3 years) and in Bournemouth University (postgraduate student representative, 2 years). I have also served in different roles in a cultural association during my undergraduate studies (A.C. Hypatia; 4 years). My previous experience has granted me negotiation skills that are specifically applicable to academic politics. Moreover, as most academics, during my career I have nurtured strong communication skills that are directly applicable to non-academic contexts, like the promotion or the representation of the Postdoc Society.</p>	
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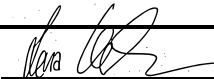


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<p>Currently I'm at PostDoc doing Drug Discovery research at the Department of Biochemistry. Throughout my academic path I managed to secure various personal fellowships and have gained valuable experience in writing such proposals. And after settling in with my new position for a couple of months now here in Cambridge, I feel very confident to be more engaged in the community and to take over responsibilities outside research and work.</p> <p>During my 6 years of undergrad and graduate studies, I was heavily involved in the student body representation as well as the student parliament at my old University in Germany. Which gives me plenty experience in committee work and shows that I'm very keen to get involved around and beyond my academic life. My past roles in student politics do ensure I'm confident with constitutional work and will help to be an appropriate fit to the secretary position.</p>	
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<p>During my Ph.D. I acted as Secretary for the Latino Grad Student Association for one year, a role similar to that of The PdOC Society's Communication Officer. I also got involved within my department's (Chemistry) Grad Student Organization as Social Chair for 1 year and Social Media Chair for 2 years, planning and executing social events for our student body and co-running the department's social media websites (Twitter, Instagram), respectively.</p>	
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<p>I believe that PDOC has a deep impact in the experience of postdocs at Cambridge. It provides a friendly entry point to the complex and challenging environment that the University of Cambridge can be. Being an organisation for postdocs that is led by postdocs, it can recognise the unique challenges, and also possibilities, faced by a group of more than 4000 employees at the University. In order to help PDOC to carry out its task, I would like to offer my service as Treasurer. I have had experience within PDOC as the Marketing Officer, which provided a good understanding the structure of the society.</p> <p>I will keep track of the financial situation of the society and aim to use any funding to promote PDOC activities, always listening to the requests of its members. I have also the administrative and technical skills required to be Treasurer, and I have a willingness to learn more in order to enable PDOC to reach its full potential.</p>	
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