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OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Welcome!


- > Hi, I'm Kate 
 - Professional Master's Program Advisor and Postdoc Facilitator; kjgayle@cs
 - She/her pronouns
 - At UW in various roles since 2007
 - Joined the Allen School in 2020



- > Quick intros (you!)
 - Name, pronouns
 - Quick summary of your research
 - A store or restaurant or activity near you that we should know about, or a new hobby or skill you've picked up working from home



Housekeeping

- > Postdoc listserv: postdocs@cs.washington.edu
 - Postdocs@ is on distribution list for researchers@
- > Postdoc Slack channel 
 - First, join Allen School Slack
 - Then, email postdocs-cse-slack@cs.washington.edu to request admission to postdoc channel
- > Pages worth bookmarking
 - [Postdoc Directory](#)
 - [Postdoc Resources](#)
 - [Career Support for PhDs and Postdocs](#)



Postdoc history and key people

A brief history of Allen School postdocs

- > Dawn of time – 2014 Business as usual
- > 2014 Grant to implement postdoc best practices
- > Present day Postdoc-focused initiatives remain

People

- > Tom Anderson
- > Your supervisor/PI
- > Postdoc committee
- > Kate (postdoc facilitator)

Goal: provide you with resources to maximize your time in the Allen School and use your postdoc experience as a stepping stone to your next professional role



Events

- > Grants and teaching seminars (spring quarter)
- > Suite of Allen School seminars, colloquia, and distinguished lecture series
 - Welcome to attend any as they occur
 - Lots of past events available online:
<https://www.cs.washington.edu/events/colloquia>
- > Quarterly postdoc lunch with the Director
- > Monthly postdoc lunches



Review of Progress (RoP) and Individual Development Plan (IDP)

Review of progress (RoP)

- > Two annual cycles (autumn and spring)
- > Completed electronically by postdoc
- > Purpose: pause and reflect on your progress, evaluate goals, identify resources and action items, check in with your PI

Individual development plan (IDP)

- > Templates available on website
- > Not required, but very beneficial!
- > Purpose: consider your training and development from a broad perspective and set clear short- and long-term goals



Postdoc travel and research awards

Travel awards

- > Networking is always a good thing!
- > Support costs of attending conferences you might not normally go to
- > Eligible for funding once per [fiscal] year

Research awards

- > Individual awards up to \$10k to support skills-building in grant writing and directing research
- > Applications taken twice annually; proposals follow NSF format
- > Your own research, hiring/paying undergraduate research assistants
- > ★ ★ Applications due in mid-October, mid April



Technical writing support

Sandy Kaplan

- > Sandy@cs
- > Allen School's resident technical writer and editor

Supports your writing in:

- > Conference, journal papers
- > Grant proposals
- > Dissertation intros/conclusions
- > CVs and job applications

Online academic writing workshop

- > https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/tech_writing/



Additional resources

> UW Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

- <https://grad.uw.edu/for-students-and-post-docs/office-of-postdoctoral-affairs/>
- Additional seminars, events, and resources
- Added to mailing list upon hire

> Postdoc Union – UAW 4121

- uaw4121.org
- Has long represented TAs/RAs; postdocs joined June 2019



That's all, folks! Thank you for attending today.

Contact Kate at any time with questions, ideas, or feedback: kjgayle@cs.washington.edu