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/](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