

May 5, 2026

Seattle DROP

8:00AM-1:00PM PT

Seattle Discover Research Opportunities for Postdocs

Fred Hutch/University of Washington/Seattle Children's Cancer Consortium virtual postdoc recruitment

8:00-8:20AM: Welcome

Karen Peterson, PhD, FHCC	Amanda Jones, PhD, SCRI	Bill Mahoney, PhD, UW
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8:20-9:20AM: The Importance of Finding the Right Mentor

Moderator: Amanda Jones, PhD

Sue Biggins, PhD, FHCC	Bruce Torbett, PhD, SCRI	Bill Mahoney, PhD, UW
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9:20-9:30AM Break

9:30-10:30AM: Postdoctoral Researcher Panel

Moderator: Amber Ismael, PhD

Matthew Chan, PhD, FHCC	Haodong (Daniel) Chen, PhD, SCRI	Abby Nagle, PhD, UW
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10:30AM-11:20AM: Lunch

Free \$20 UberEats voucher for the first 200 US-based registrants. Must register by May 1st.

Enjoy videos of Seattle neighborhoods and our institutions
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11:20AM-1:00PM: Concurrent institutional breakout sessions

Talks from faculty/programs and institutional resources. See speaker bios for more info.

Time	Fred Hutch, Room 1	Seattle Children's, Room 2	U of Washington, Room 3
11:30-11:40	Dan Reeves , PhD, Vaccine and Infectious Disease Division	Invent at Seattle Children's Postdoctoral Scholars Program Alexis Kaushansky , PhD, Center for Global Infectious Disease Research	Brian Kraemer , PhD, Co-lead, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Research & Education Component
11:40-11:50	Josh Schiffer , MD, MSc, Vaccine and Infectious Disease Division	Invent at Seattle Children's Postdoctoral Scholars Program Alexis Kaushansky , PhD, Center for Global Infectious Disease Research	Alison Stanbery, PhD , Program Director, Institute for Translational Immunology (ITI) Seabridge Postdoctoral Program
11:50-Noon	Chris LaPointe , PhD, Basic Sciences Division	Invent at Seattle Children's Postdoctoral Scholars Program Alexis Kaushansky , PhD, Center for Global Infectious Disease Research	Conrad Liles , MD, PhD, Founder and Co-Director, Sepsis Center of Research Excellence
12:00-12:10	Yasu Arimura , PhD, Basic Sciences Division	Mara Pavel-Dinu , PhD, Center for Immunity and Immunotherapies	Chetan Seshadri , MD, Seattle TB Research Advancement Center
12:10-12:20	Kevin Barry , PhD, Public Health Sciences Division	Career and professional development information	Clarisse Benson , Student & Postdoctoral Program, Washington Research Foundation
12:20-12:30	Haolong Li , PhD, Human Biology Division	Career and professional development information	Ana Weil , MD, MPH, Center for Emerging & Re-emerging Diseases
12:30-12:40	Career and professional development information		Jessica Young , PhD, Nathan Shock Ctr and Aging Training Grant
12:40-12:50	Charles Smarr, PhD, and Jack Baskin-Sherman, HR Faculty/Postdoc Recruiters		Jenny Robinson , PhD, Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine
12:50-1:00	Career and professional development information		Russell Lackey , MS, Director of Education, Institute of Translational Health Sciences