

## Postdoctoral association at Western (PAW) Archive 2011

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### Postdoctoral Research Forum - Sept. 27, 2011

The 2011 Postdoctoral Research Forum will be held on Tuesday September 27th from 10:00am - 7:00pm in the Great Hall

[More details](#)

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# Welcome

## Postdoc Appreciation Week

### 19th Sept.--- 23rd Sept.



In the hope that we will all be as appreciated as we deserve to be, the Postdoc Association at Western (PAW) executive committee have come up with a week of events to celebrate your hard work and to welcome the new postdocs among you to Western.

This week **(19th Sept.--- 23rd Sept)**

Mon.@ 5pm Tour of Labatt Brewery

Tues.@ 12-1pm MITACS Elevate information session

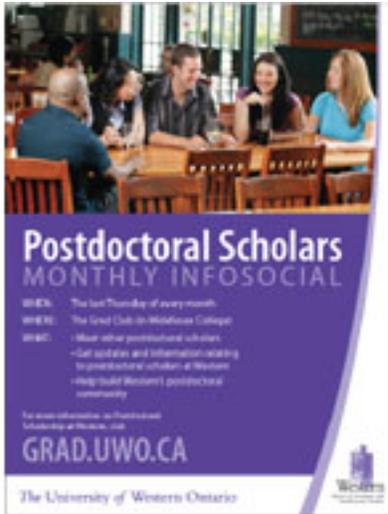
Wed.@ 12:30-1:30pm Free pizza lunch at the Grad Club

Thur.@ 4:30pm- Social drink at the Grad Club

Fri.@ 7:30-10pm Watch live hockey Join us

[More details](#)

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In order to provide postdocs with additional ways to let their voices heard as well as meeting other postdocs, PAW will be holding two different events every month:

- 1) A Social gathering at the Grad Club: The last Thursday of every month from 4 pm to 5 pm
- 2) Focus groups lunches: Topics to be announced. Will occur on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1pm to 2 pm in the back room of the Grad Club.

Pizza and refreshments will be served.

The next social at the Grad Club will be: Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

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## September 7, 2011

### Promoting Western's Postdoctoral Scholars.

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**The University of Western Ontario**  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for Brain and Mind, Department of Psychology

[Gavin Buckingham's Profile](#)

Stay tuned for future featured postdoctoral scholars.

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## August 29, 2011

Postdoctoral scholars at the University of Western Ontario are invited to participate in the first Postdoctoral Research Day, showcasing the breadth and depth of the research done by postdocs at Western. This event will be held at the **Great Hall**, on **September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. The Research Day was created by the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies to foster scientific interaction, interdepartmental

collaboration, and garner greater exposure and recognition for the postdocs' invaluable work. We invite all of you to submit abstracts to be considered for poster or podium presentations, providing the other members of the community, faculty members and industry representatives the opportunity to learn about the cutting-edge research conducted in different faculties, throughout the campus. As an added benefit, participants - both presenters and audience - will have a chance to fine-tune their public speaking and presentation skills.

Travel awards will be presented to the successful presenters.

**Important information (updated Aug 29th):**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Art of Powerful Communication Workshop

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Poster Set up

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm Poster and Podium presentations

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Wine and Cheese Connector - Networking with industry, governmental and non-for-profit representatives from 25 companies/organizations - sponsored by MITACS

Please submit your abstracts by **August 29th** at:

<http://grad.uwo.ca/events/postdocresearchday/>

If you intend to only attend the event, and not present, please register online at: <http://grad.uwo.ca/events/?id=49>

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## August 10, 2011



### **A new way for postdocs to interact and share information with other UWO postdocs!**

PAW wishes to interact and share information with postdocs by also using the UWO tools available. From now on, you can access the PAW-WebCT by logging in with your UWO-credentials to your OWL account: <http://webct.uwo.ca> (then click on The University of Western Ontario) or <https://owl.uwo.ca/webct/entryPage.dowebct?insId=5116011&glcid=URN%3AX-WEBCTVISTA-V1%3A8f2fefab-ac1d-3921-012d-73abf656f884&insName=University+of+Western+Ontario&actionType=>

Our link is "**Postdoctoral Association - news and resources**". Check it out, comment, discuss, interact! It is up to us how we want to use this space, what do we want to use it for and how often it will be used. If you have any comments, would like some topics added or a new discussion open, just post your message there or write us an email ([postdocs@uwo.ca](mailto:postdocs@uwo.ca)). The calendar will be updated with our meetings and social get-togethers, so you can always check when and where do we meet again. If you cannot access the WebCT - let us know ([postdocs@uwo.ca](mailto:postdocs@uwo.ca)). To log in you will need your UWO email address.

So - go on and check it out!

The WebCT area is brought to you by your WebCT coordinator, Anna Hanuszkiewicz.

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## August 9, 2011



### Executive Committee Meeting

Are you still wondering how you can get involved in the university or have some input that you'd like to give PAW directly?

We are holding an Executive committee PAW meeting **Tuesday August 9th at 3:30 pm in the back room of the Grad club.**

If you are interested in attending, please email us at [postdocs@uwo.ca](mailto:postdocs@uwo.ca) and we will send you the agenda.

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## August 8, 2011

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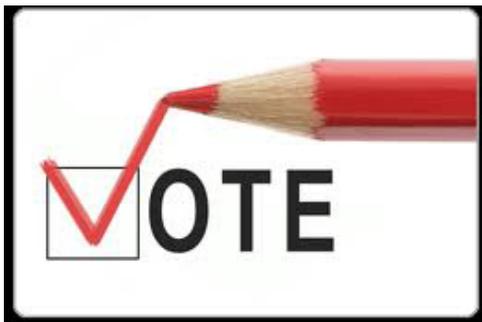
[Eugenio Almeida's Profile](#)

Stay tuned for future featured postdoctoral scholars.

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**July 14, 2011**

We wish to inform you that as of July 12, forty days after the call for nominations for a new executive council of PAW, the following nominations have been received:



- For President: **Dr. Gavin Buckingham** (Psychology)
- For Vice-President Internal: **Dr. Christa Homenick** (Chemistry). Currently on PAW's executive council and acting VP internal
- For Vice-President External: **Dr. Chris Corkey** (Chemistry). Currently on PAW's executive council, acting VP external
- For Vice-President Communication: **Dr. Ireh Iyioha** (Law) Currently on PAW's executive council as the Law School Representative
- For Secretary: **Dr. Kalin Penev** (Engineering) Currently on PAW's executive council, acting secretary

The current Executive Council gathered on July 12 to discuss the candidates and decided to unanimously support them and to propose them en bloc to the general membership. Should you have any specific concern or complaint regarding any of the nominees, please address them to the current PAW president, Dr. Stephanie Dixon ([postdocs@uwo.ca](mailto:postdocs@uwo.ca)), who will address them in a timely manner.

Please make these concerns noted by **Thursday July 21st**.

In case there are no major complaints, the nominees will be acclaimed during the first annual general meeting of PAW that will take place on **Thursday July 28th** at

the Grad club. There you will be able to meet the new executive team.  
Please remember to register at <http://grad.uwo.ca/events/?id=45>.  
As always, if you are interested in volunteering with PAW, don't hesitate to send us an email.

Thank you,  
PAW

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## July 11, 2011

### JULY BBQ



Come meet the new 2011-2012 PAW committee! This month's social will be a special BBQ.

It will be held **Thursday, July 28th** from 4pm to 6pm at the Grad Club.

Please **RSVP**

(<http://grad.uwo.ca/events/?id=45>)

by **July 27th**.

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## July 5, 2011



### **Executive Committee Meeting**

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We will be meeting together to discuss how to become more involved and other current issues that PAW is facing.

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### **June 24, 2011**

As we previously mentioned, PSAC (the union for PDA's) and UWO are currently in the process of negotiating a new collective agreement between PDA's and the university. PSAC has asked PAW to forward on the following information to our postdocs: [About the negotiations PSAC's petition](#)

Although this is really only important to our PDA's, PDF's should feel free to keep themselves informed. Remember, PAW is only an information resource and is NOT involved in these negotiations. PAW does not condone any actions by the union or the university on these matters.

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### **June 7, 2011**



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As this is short notice, we understand if you may need to leave early or arrive late.

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## Call for volunteers!

PAW has recently gain postdoctoral representation on the following committees:

1. **UWO Biosafety committee:** This is a new position on the Committee. The Biosafety Committee examines biosafety issues as they pertain to research and other activities on campus, thus the decisions of the Committee affect many members of PAW. For more information, please see Section 1.3 of the Biosafety Manual:

[http://www.uwo.ca/humanresources/docandform/docs/healthandsafety/biosafety/biosafety\\_manual.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/humanresources/docandform/docs/healthandsafety/biosafety/biosafety_manual.pdf)

2. **GEC (Graduate Education Council):** This committee was originally set up to discuss the graduate education policies and changes, however is now moving towards incorporating changes to postdoctoral policies and processes. As such it is imperative to have representation on this committee. The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, has asked for a volunteer to attend these meetings.

3. **SUIT (Senate for University Information Technology):** This committee reports to the Senate Committee on University Planning (SCUP) on matters relating to information technologies and the World Wide Web at Western. For more information: <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/cteeterms/suit.pdf>

Any of these positions would provide you with valuable leadership and networking opportunities. Please email us at [postdocs@uwo.ca](mailto:postdocs@uwo.ca) if you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions or any of our other positions [http://www.postdocs.uwo.ca/available\\_positions.html](http://www.postdocs.uwo.ca/available_positions.html).

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## May 25, 2011

**PAW is pleased to announce: An information lunch on Financial Planning.**

**When:** Wednesday **June 22nd from noon-1pm.**

**Where:** Back room at the **Grad Club** (refreshments will be served)

**Who:** **Brock Mclearon** from Investors

Group: <http://www.investorsgroup.com/consult/brock.mclearon>.

Please email PAW ([postdocs@uwo.ca](mailto:postdocs@uwo.ca)) if you are interested in attending this event so that we can keep track of numbers!

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## May 24, 2011

**A writing conference for postdocs**



The poster features a chalkboard on the left with the text 'WRITING SUPPORT CENTRE' and 'POST DOCS' written on it, along with a red heart and a smiley face. To the right of the chalkboard, the text reads: 'Feel the love at our inaugural POST DOC DAY', 'When: June 15 (10:30 – 2:30)', 'Where: Writing Centre, Room 4130, WSS Building', 'What: - Grant Writing, - Writing for Publication, - Technical Writing', and 'Write your future'. At the bottom, the Writing Support Centre logo is displayed with the tagline 'Find Your Voice', the phone number '519-661-3031', and the website 'www.sdc.uwo.ca/writing'.

**What:**

- Grant Writing
- Writing for Publication
- Technical Writing

**Date:** Wednesday, June 15, 2011

**Time:** 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

**Location:** Writing Centre, Room 4130, WSS Building

To register please visit: <http://grad.uwo.ca/events/?id=40>

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## May 13, 2011

## Call for Nominations/Volunteers for PAW Presidency and other positions.

As my term as President of PAW and Alexandra's term as VP of PAW are coming to an end, the time has come for obtaining nominations for a new President and VP as well as other constitutional positions (e.g. Secretary, VP-Finance, VP-external, PAW senator). The person who holds any of these positions has a great opportunity to gain insights into political and administrative processes occurring at Universities, as well as valuable leadership experience, and the chance to meet incredible people in the university community. Furthermore, I believe that having the role of President has set my CV/resume apart when looking for employment.

I would urge all interested parties to submit a nomination or volunteer by **June 10, 2011** to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity by emailing PAW at [postdocs@uwo.ca](mailto:postdocs@uwo.ca).

SGPS and PAW will be hosting the **first Annual General Meeting and summer BBQ in July** to vote on the different positions.

If you have any further questions regarding the process, please email PAW at [postdocs@uwo.ca](mailto:postdocs@uwo.ca).

Further information on PAW's constitution (<http://www.postdocs.uwo.ca/constitution.html>), bylaws (<http://www.uwo.ca/grad/PAW/bylaws.html>), and available positions ([http://www.postdocs.uwo.ca/available\\_positions.html](http://www.postdocs.uwo.ca/available_positions.html)).

Cheers,  
Stephanie Dixon (PAW President)

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## May 12, 2011

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**Dr. Alexandra Merkx-Jacques**

**The University of Western Ontario**  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Biology  
**Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada**  
Canadian Government Laboratory Visiting Fellow

[Alexandra Merkx-Jacques' Profile](#)

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Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology

[Paul Dyce's Profile](#)

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## April 18, 2011

### Call for vote on CAPS governance document:

Please take a look at the final version of the CAPS governance document:  
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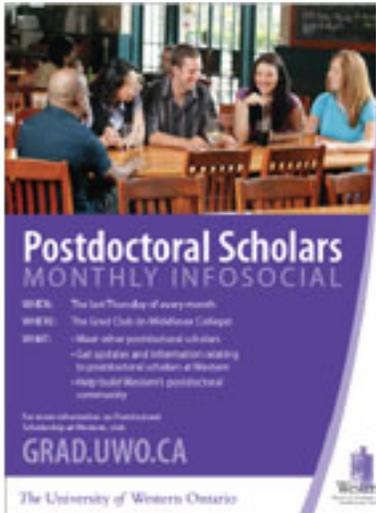
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Postdoctoral Fellow, Faculty of Information and  
Media Studies

[Shannon Sibbald's Profile](#)

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**April 7, 2011**



**This month's infosomal will be different!**

We will be holding two focus group sessions to hear from you!

**Topics of specific interest include:**  
orientation package, an exit survey, professional development ideas.

**Two sessions will be held:**  
**Thursday April 28th** 1pm-2pm at the Grad Club (back room)  
To register: <http://grad.uwo.ca/events/?id=35>

**Friday April 29th** noon-1pm at the Western Student Services Building Room 2130  
To register: <http://grad.uwo.ca/events/?id=36>

Pizza and refreshments will be served.  
Registration information will be posted soon!  
**Come make your voice heard!**

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## March 23, 2011

The [Canadian Association of Postdoctoral Scholars](#) (CAPS) is a national committee of postdoctoral scholars and representatives who meet regularly (and virtually) to discuss issues arising across the country. Among these issues include postdoctoral taxation and the Tri-Council postdoctoral stipends levels.

As UWO postdocs, you are automatically CAPS members. As such, we would encourage you to join the [CAPS General Members google group](#) or the [Facebook group](#) to hear about the latest dealings of CAPS on your behalf.

CAPS is looking for feedback on the development of their governance document (<http://tinyurl.com/4dmgg23>). If you have any comments on the document, please contact your UWO Institutional representative, **Chris Corkery** (ccorker@uwo.ca) by **Monday April 4, 2011**.

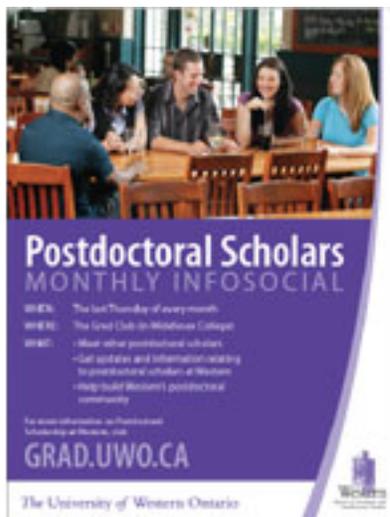
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## March 14, 2011

Are you looking for an affordable gym? Postdocs are eligible for membership at [UWO's Campus Rec](#) at the student rate (\$19/month or \$171/year). To get this rate, make sure to identify yourself as a postdoc to the Campus Rec staff. Please note, if your ID card says "staff or faculty", you may need to bring your contract along or you will be charged more.

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## March 11, 2011



Come meet your fellow postdocs!

The next Monthly InfoSocial will be held  
**Thursday March 31, 2011**  
4:00 - 5:30 pm  
Grad Club

Snacks and refreshments will be served

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## March 9, 2011

We are going to try something new this month! On **Saturday April 2nd from 4-6pm** we have booked the swimming pool at the **Western Student Recreation Center** for a family swim time, all ages welcome! Various implements of fun will be

made available: Shallow end: Clear inner tubes, balls, buckets, watering cans, pool noodles; Middle area: Inner tube water polo; Deep end: Diving board.

*The University of Western Ontario*

## Postdoc Family Swim

On Saturday, April 2nd from 4-6pm we have booked the swimming pool at the Western Student Recreation Center for a family swim, all ages welcome!

Registration ends on March 28th!

**When:** April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00-6:00pm

**Where:** Western Student Recreation Center

**To Register:** <http://grad.uwo.ca/events/?id=31>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact [Mihaela Harnos](#).

*The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies*



You can register at <http://grad.uwo.ca/events/?id=31>. Registration ends on March 28th!

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### March 1, 2011

Thank you for making the tax infosocial a big success! We hope you found it informative. PAW is pleased to announce that BDO Canada is offering a **10% discount** for Western postdocs. You can contact Ryan Devereux to set-up an appointment with him to discuss your specific tax situation and questions (this initial meeting is at no cost to you).



*Pictures courtesy of Min-Ching Kuo*

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## **February 21, 2011**

Don't forget to sign up for the tax information sessions (see below for links). PAW has prepared a [summary of things](#) you might want to know about taxes (see attached pdf).

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## **February 10, 2011**

Do you need information about your taxes? Are you confused about your tax status? Ryan Devereux, CA, MBA, Tax Manager with BDO Canda LLP will help you navigate the world of taxation. This seminar is open to all postdoctoral scholars and is intended to be a practical look at the nuts and bolts of income tax filing. Two tax session have been created, please register below for the appropriate session

(Canadian or international session).

**CANADIAN POSTDOC TAX SESSION:**

Date: Thursday, February 24, 2011

Time: **11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Location: 2130 Western Student Services Building

Registration: <http://grad.uwo.ca/events/?id=29>

**INTERNATIONAL POSTDOC TAX SESSION:**

Date: Thursday, February 24, 2011

Time: **1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

Location: 2130 Western Student Services Building

Registration: <http://grad.uwo.ca/events/?id=30>

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## February 9, 2011

Still wondering how you could get more involved with PAW?

Come to our volunteer meeting next week:

**When:** Tuesday, February 15th

**When:** 3:30 pm

**Where:** Kresge K116 (2nd floor)

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## February 3, 2011

Tax season is coming up! PAW is organizing an info-social, **Thursday February 24, 2010** (11am to 2pm in 2130 WSSB) on tax issues relevant to postdoctoral scholars. **Mr. Ryan Devereux** (CA, MBA) a Tax Manager from **BDO Canada LLP** will be our speaker.

More information to follow!

A special thanks to Dr. Christa Homenick for organizing this event and working on the tax details for us (coming soon).

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## January 28, 2011

Friday's Featured Volunteering positions!

Any of these volunteer positions will give you the opportunity to getting the training and/or experience you need for your future career:

[TSC \(Teaching Support Centre\) Representative](#)

[SUPAD \(Subcommittee on Priorities in Academic Development\) Representative](#)

[PSCEE \(President's Standing Committee for Employment Equity\) Representative](#)

[UCAC \(University Council on Animal care\) Representative](#)

A full list of PAW volunteer positions are found at [http://www.postdocs.uwo.ca/available\\_positions.html](http://www.postdocs.uwo.ca/available_positions.html).

If you are interested or would like more information, please email us at [postdocs@uwo.ca](mailto:postdocs@uwo.ca)

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## January 25, 2011



**NEW!** Follow us on Twitter @uwopaw!

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## January 21, 2011

Still looking for ways to get involved? Wondering what goes on in the "background" and how you could help improve the postdoc experience?

### **Volunteer with PAW!**

This week's featured PAW volunteering positions:

**SSC (Student Success Centre) Representative**

**Postdoctoral Scholar Media Relations**

**Research Committee Representative**

**UCRE (University Council on Research Ethics Involving Human Participants) Representative**

A full list of positions and responsibilities will be posted here:  
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We offer many different ways for you to get involved. Many positions require less than 1 hour a week but will help showcase your leadership and networking skills.

This week's featured PAW volunteering positions:

**NPA (National Postdoc Association) Representative**

**SOGS (Society of Graduate Students) Representative**

**Senate Representative**

**GEC (Graduate Education Council) Representative**

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## January 7, 2011

PAW needs your help!

In the next weeks, we will be sending you examples of how you can become involved. If you have a specific interest, we may be able to tailor a position for you!

We know that postdoctoral scholars are very busy establishing themselves as independent scientists, however, many of these positions will not require much of your time and will only help build your resume and network. The more postdocs volunteer, the more of a voice we have on campus, and the better our Western experience.

Featured PAW volunteering positions:

**WebCT Coordinator**

**CAPS (Canadian Association of Postdoctoral Scholars) Representative**

**Taxes Researcher**

**Departmental Representative**

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