

# Berkeley Postdoctoral Association Professional Development Award For Online Training

We are happy to announce an adapted version of the BPA Professional Development Award to temporarily fund online professional development courses during the shelter in place! In case you're having trouble finding ways to be productive outside the lab or office, it could be a good time to take advantage of the large amount of online training available out there. Examples include taking online classes ranging from learning coding in python, communication skills, management techniques, entrepreneurship insights, writing, teaching, etc.

## Eligibility

- Only valid for UC Postdoctoral Scholars (Job codes 3252, 3253, 3254, 3255, and 3256, which are Postdoc Scholar – Employee, Fellow, Paid Direct, Employee NEX and Interim Employee)
- A postdoc may receive only one award for online training during their postdoc tenure at UC Berkeley
- Applicant can apply multiple times until they get an award
- Applications and payment processes must be submitted prior to beginning the online training

## Application Information

- This is a one-time award of **up to \$200** and may be used to cover costs associated with doing an online class related to professional development.
- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until the end of the shelter in place period, or until funding runs out.
- The award may be used to cover expenses of registering for the online training.
- Applications will be reviewed by the BPA board to evaluate the appropriateness of the online training for professional development

## Application Procedure

The completed application form should be submitted to the VSPA Program office and the BPA by email at [vspa@berkeley.edu](mailto:vspa@berkeley.edu) and [bpa-vspa@berkeley.edu](mailto:bpa-vspa@berkeley.edu) with subject line "Online BPA PDA Application." All application materials must be combined into a single PDF file. Applications will be reviewed and applicants will be notified in within 1 week if they received an award.

## Award Payment Procedure

Registration fees will be payed by directly by the VSPA. If you are awarded the BPA Professional Development Award for Online Training, you will receive instructions on how to coordinate with the VSPA to enroll in the online training. Do not pay for the class yourself and look for reimbursement afterwards.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cal ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the online class: \_\_\_\_\_

URL of online class: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates during which you plan to do the course: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other fees (explain): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Funds Requested (up to \$200.00):** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe in the textbox below your reasons for wanting to carry out this online training and how it is going to contribute to your professional development. (200 words maximum)

Optional: Please describe your contributions to the UC Berkeley postdoc community, if any. (100 words maximum)

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Amount Requested	Amount Awarded

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**Director, Visiting Scholar and Postdoc Affairs  
Program**

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**Date**