

Berlin PostDoc Day

1. Email address

This is used to ensure that we can get in touch with you about the postdoc day, and to provide you with a link to modify your registration and upload your abstract if you don't send one at the time you sign up.

2. Last Name

3. First Name

2 and 3 allow us to generate a badge for you on the postdoc day. If you require additional privacy, you can fill them in as initials.

4. Home institute(s)

This is information that should be publicly available. It is also used to determine the eligibility for travel grants, as we can only give out travel grants to participants from MDC, FMP, BIH and Charite (as of February 2018).

5. Group leader full name

This let us know what groups are involved in the Postdoc Day. Please omit any titles or suffixes and avoid using abbreviations.

6. Research area

choices: cancer biology, cardiovascular biology, neurobiology, structural biology and imaging, systems biology and informatics, other

If there are more good abstracts than we can accommodate, we will likely make selections of the talks to ensure that a mix of different scientific areas are represented.

7. Do you have any dietary restrictions?

Choices: No or yes, if yes, what kind of dietary restrictions

We need this information to be able to provide food for everyone at the postdoc day. If you have an allergy and don't want to disclose it, you can select no.

8. Status: Are you a postdoc, a final year PhD student, or a non-final year PhD student?

Non-final year PhD students are not eligible for poster and talk prizes.

9. Attendance: Do you want to present a talk, present a poster, or just attend?

If you want to present a talk or a poster, then you should provide

a) Title of your presentation

b) Authors and affiliations

c) Abstract (maximum of 1500 characters including spaces). Please remember that the audience has diverse scientific backgrounds; it is important to make sure that your abstract (and presentation) is accessible, as this will help facilitate understanding and discussion.

The 9 questions above are the compulsory part of the survey. The next 5 questions are all optional, and included so that we can measure some statistics on who registered for and attended the postdoc day, and also to help plan future events for postdocs. If you answer these questions, they would be stored on a Google server, but they would not appear associated to you on public Google searches. We might make a summary of the survey responses, but it would be anonymised (e.g. 32% of the postdocs are interested to learn more about opportunities in industry, etc).

Optional question 1. Gender

We strive to get a balanced gender representation at the postdoc day. Unfortunately, it is not always easy to tell from names what gender someone is. Also, our perception of someone's gender may not be correctly aligned with the gender they identify with, so this is an optional question to allow us to track this statistic. The options for answering this question is: female, male, prefer not to say, and other.

Optional question 2. Do you consider yourself to have a handicap?

We strive to make the postdoc day as accessible as possible. Here, we give the option that someone with a handicap can specify any access arrangements that they require. We also give the option for someone to state that they have a handicap, but do not require access arrangements in this instance.

Optional question 3. How long have you been a postdoc/PhD student?

We want to get an overview of the audience that we are representing. It is not possible as postdoc reps to access the exact data of when someone joins the institutes. Someone who recently arrived at this institute/in Berlin may have different requirements to those who have been here 2-3 years and considering their next move. This can help us decide on whether to hold more welcome/social events or to hold more targeted career events.

Optional question 4. What will be the ideal next step after your current PostDoc/PhD? (select one)

Junior group leader - in Germany

Junior group leader/lectureship - in Europe

Junior group leader/professorship - in North America

Junior group leader/professorship - elsewhere in the world

A postdoctoral position in academia

A postdoctoral position in industry

Education (teacher in a school)

Publishing and public outreach

Travelling, time out, family commitments

Undecided

Optional question 5: What options after your current PostDoc/PhD will you be interested to learn more about? (select as many as you want)

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Career re-entry after a career break

Optional Q4: These are some options of what people's ideal next steps could be. There is also an option for "Other...". This can help for example in deciding on what speakers to invite for postdoc lunches, what kind of career advice people want to learn more about, what is the most important. For example, most of our postdoc lunches so far have been from junior group leaders in Germany, and one from a person who carried out a postdoctoral position in industry, but maybe if many people are interested in education or publishing we should also investigate speakers in these areas. The travelling, time out, family commitments option is also important because we recognise that for some people, a career break will be part of their plan, and we want to ensure this option is listed rather than seen as an "other" option. The undecided option is also important, because it is important for us to know as well that we should present a range of options to help these people decide, and not just assume that a particular career is the "default decision". As stated before, this is an optional question and will only be used for planning future events that are relevant to the postdoc community.

Optional Q5: Similar as above, apart from the last two options being replaced with "Career re-entry after a career break". In many countries there are schemes available for this particular purpose. The question is whether there is sufficient demand in the postdoc community for us to seek out speakers or resources to provide to our postdocs.