

Weaving the Future of Animal Behavior

A professional-development opportunity for early-career animal behavior scientists

Our goal is to advance the future of animal behavior science by supporting and promoting the efforts of early-career professionals through workshops, symposia, and long-term, multi-level mentoring.

ABS workshops

Each year, we are hosting a multi-day workshop event, starting with a full-day workshop of panel discussions and activities on the day immediately before the ABS meetings, and including gatherings during the conference itself. After the conference, we continue with biweekly video-conferenced peer-mentoring circles that meet throughout the subsequent year.

Workshop participants are early-career animal behavior professionals, including pre-tenure and junior faculty and advanced postdocs. We particularly encourage women and scientists from underrepresented groups in animal behavior to apply. We have funding from both the ABS and the National Science Foundation (IOS-Animal Behavior program #1833455) to cover travel expenses for some participants.

Symposia

Our group has also been organizing events to showcase the work of early-career animal behavior scientists. For the ABS 2020 conference, Jenn Smith (Mills College) organized a symposium entitled “**WFAB: Technological Advances to Reveal the Secret Lives of Animals**”.

How to get involved: Consider [applying](#) to participate in the next ABS workshop, share this announcement with others who might apply, or contact the wfab leadership team (Emília Martins, Jen Fewell, Zuleyma Tang-Martinez) with questions (wfab@animalbehaviorsociety.org).

