

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 community and professional development for early career professionals through workshops, symposia, and long-term, multi-level mentoring.

Workshop participants are early career animal behavior professionals, including pre-tenure faculty and advanced postdocs. We particularly encourage women and scientists from underrepresented groups in animal behavior to apply. WFAB is funded by the Animal Behavior Society and the National Science Foundation (IOS-Animal Behavior #[1833455](#)) and is a collaboration with Claire Horner-Devine from [Counterspace Consulting](#).

WFAB 2021

Refreshing connections (WFAB Alumni Event)

Wednesday, June 16 (10:00 am - noon PST; 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST)

Virtual WFAB community gathering. WFAB alumni and panelists will gather to reconnect with the WFAB community and engage with professional development activities around networks and mentoring.

Making connections (new WFAB participants)

Tuesday, July 13 (10:00 am - noon PST; 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST)

New WFAB community members will gather to connect with the 2021 early career cohort and to engage in self-reflections, activities and discussions on how to get what you want and need to thrive in your career. We will talk about mentoring, networks, coaching and introduce POP Circles (peer-coaching groups).

WFAB Workshop (new WFAB participants)

Monday, August 2 (8:00 am - 3:00 pm PST; 11:00 am - 6:00 pm EST)

WFAB 2021 participants will participate in a day of community connection and professional development. We will start the day with a workshop called Communicating and Collaborating. In the morning, we will explore how to be intentional and strategic in identifying potential collaborators and initiating collaborations. In the afternoon, we will revisit ideas from our July WFAB workshop on making connections, and dig into the WFAB [Power of Peers \(POP\) Circles](#). There will also be informal break-out room opportunities for participants to connect by institution type and affinity groups.

WFAB @ ABS

Tuesday, August 3 to Friday, August 6

WFAB 2021 participants will also participate in the [annual meetings of the Animal Behavior Society](#). [Registration](#) is \$60 for regular ABS members and free for postdocs. Research presentations (6-min talk with live Q&A or digital poster with 3-min lightning talk) are optional, but [abstracts](#) are due by Wednesday, May 5.

WFAB Symposium @ ABS

Thursday, August 5 (10:00 am-12:00 pm & 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm EST)

Weaving the Future of Animal Behavior: Technological advances to reveal the secret lives of animals

WFAB participants will gather to attend the first WFAB early career research symposium organized by the WFAB community to showcase the work of early-career animal behavior scientists.

WFAB Happy Half-Hour

Friday, August 6 (8:30 pm - 9:15 pm EST)

Social gathering to wrap up WFAB 2021 and to form POP Circles. POP Circles are peer-coaching groups of 5-7 peers who meet every other week to engaged in focused, individual professional development and problem-solving with a community of peers. To learn more about POP Circles, please see [\(we can link my website\)](#).

