

Weaving the Future of Animal Behavior (WFAB)

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 2022

Travel Awards: We have funds from both the National Science Foundation and the Animal Behavior Society to support WFAB travel to Costa Rica, as well as registration and housing associated with the annual ABS meetings. To apply for these funds, please apply to the 2022 WFAB program.

Refreshing connections (WFAB Alumni Event)

Monday, June 6 (10:00 am - noon PST; 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST) – ZOOM only

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)

Friday, July 8 (10:00 am - noon PST; 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST) – ZOOM only

New WFAB community members will gather to connect with the 2022 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)

Tuesday, July 19 (9:00 am - 4:00 pm CST [Costa Rica]; 11:00 am - 6:00 pm EST) in-person & ZOOM

WFAB 2022 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

Wednesday, July 20 to Saturday, July 23

WFAB 2022 participants will also participate in the [annual meetings of the Animal Behavior Society](#), which will be held both in-person in San José, Costa Rica, and in virtual form. Abstracts for Research presentations are optional, but [abstracts](#) are due by May 1 2022.

