

Venue: The Octagon (The Queens Building) - Mile End Campus

09:00 - 09:30	Arrival and Registration
09:30 - 10:00	Welcome Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Anastasia Prokopi (Blizard), Dr Pauline Simon (SPCS), and Dr Marjolaine Thomas (SEMS) - Conference Co-chairs • Dr Anna Price – Head of Researcher Development, Queen Mary Academy
10:00 - 11:00	Session 1: Postdoc Life, Postdoc Identity <p>Current and former QM researchers speaking about different elements of their lived experience as QM postdocs; each highlighting different facets of the 'postdoc identity'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Zeinab Rekad (Postdoctoral Research Associate, Oxford) • Dr Sandra Jumbé (Methods Advisor, WIPH) • Dr Charlotte Johann (Leverhulme ECR Fellow, History) • Dr Keiji Ota (Postdoctoral Research Assistant, SBSS) • Dr Alena Vdovchenko (Postdoctoral Research Associate, Imperial)
11:00 - 11:20	Break & Networking
11:20 - 12:20	Session 2: Postdoc Development and Support <p>QM researcher support staff presenting opportunities available for QM postdocs CEDARS 2025 – What have we learned from this year's survey?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Hubbard (Head of Employee Benefits) - Rewards and Benefits for Postdoctoral Research Staff • Lucy Newman (Interim Research Culture Manager) – Postdocs and Research Culture • Eleanor McDavis (Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Manager) - Fostering inclusive workspace for disabled staff, staff with long-term health conditions and neurodivergent staff • Dr Anna Price (Head of Researcher Development) – Researcher Development Support from Queen Mary • Leah Thompson (Associate Director Entrepreneurship) – the Knowledge Transfer and Entrepreneurial support landscape at Queen Mary • Dr Rui Pires Martins (Researcher Development Manager) – What Postdocs said in CEDARS 2025

12:20 - 13:20	<p>Session 3: Table Discussions on Postdoc Identity</p> <p>2 x 30-minute discussions on topics impacting postdocs (related to the theme of identity). Postdocs can participate in two discussions. Table discussions provide feedback to better serve the research community</p> <p>Table topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Redefining 'Postdoc' 2. Postdocs as Early-career Researchers 3. Postdocs as Staff 4. Postdocs as Entrepreneurs 5. Postdocs as Representatives of Postdocs 6. Postdocs and Research Culture 7. Fostering Inclusive Workspaces for Staff 8. Postdocs as developing research professionals
13:20 - 14:20	<p>Lunch Served & Networking</p>
14:20 - 15:40	<p>Session 4: Postdoc Careers Panel</p> <p>Former Queen Mary postdocs or Current researchers speaking about their career journeys from their postdocs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Claudia Lemus (former PDRA in Law) – OFGEM • Dr Jonathan Ho - Lab manager in Vascular Pharmacology, Centre for Cardiovascular Medicine and Devices • Dr Luca Franci (former SPCS PDRA) - Senior Research Fellow Department of Mathematics, Physics and Electrical Engineering at University of Northumbria • Dr Rubina Aktar (former Blizzard PDRA) – Co-founder Elcella Ltd • Dr Prarit Agarwal (former SPCA PDRA) - Amazon Ltd
15:40 - 16:00	<p>Closing Address</p>
16:00 - 16:30	<p>Closing Reception with refreshments served</p>



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