2021 Postdoc Year in Review: Population

205 postdocs joined NC State in 2021, receiving their PhDs from 96 different institutions across 18 countries.

A diverse population:
- 41% Asian
- 7% Hispanic/Latino
- 3% More than 1 ethnicity
- 3% African American
- 2% White
- 3% Unknown race/ethnicity

33% female

Current population count as of 12/17/21:
- 338 Postdoctoral Research Scholars & 14 Postdoctoral Teaching Scholars
- Working in 55 departments and centers across the state from Asheville to Kannapolis & Raleigh

Colleges with most postdocs:
- 113 in College of Engineering
- 106 in College of Agriculture & Life Sciences
- 54 in College of Sciences
- 113 House Officers (with DVMs) in the College of Veterinary Medicine
- 29 Interns & 84 Residents

33% female
2021 Postdoc Year in Review: Events & Initiatives

**2021 Virtual Postdoctoral Research Symposium (PRS)**
- 7 synchronous, online workshops and sessions held May 17-20
- Total of 107 individuals engaged
- Attendees from 6 different NC institutions
- 17 postdoc research videos with 1,099 total views – [WATCH NOW!](#)

Career & professional development topics included:
- Envision a New Future and Unlock Your Success
- Navigating Career Challenges as an International Trainee
- LinkedIn Workshop
- Broadening Research Impact with NC State Office of Outreach & Engagement
- Mentoring Training for Postdocs

Participants found PRS 2021:
- interesting
- engaging
- well-organized
- fun
- organized

New Awards Honor Outstanding Postdoc & Faculty Mentor

We highlighted exceptional postdoctoral scholars and faculty mentors who went above and beyond during the 2020-2021 academic year.

**Postdoc Pack Service Award Winner:**
Edwin Dickinson, Ph.D., postdoctoral scholar in the Department of Biological Sciences at NC State, working with Adam Hartstone-Rose

**Outstanding Postdoc Mentorship Award Winner:**
Deepti Salvi, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the Department of Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences

Read about all our award nominees!
2021 Postdoc Year in Review: Communication, Engagement, & Impact

Increased Engagement in our NC State Postdocs Slack Group in 2021: 58% growth in accepted invites & 210% growth in weekly active members
Read our Slack How-To Guide

11 Postdoc Professional Development Awards Distributed in 2021, totaling $5,000+

ImPACKful blog celebrated 2 years of content in August
Featuring profiles on postdocs, graduate students, & alumni, tips on a variety of career topics, & highlights of campus resources.

61 pieces and counting
Over 38,000 unique page views since launch

Postdoc Research Spotlights
Alumni Insights
Expand Your PACK (campus resources & people to know)
ImPACKful Tips (for your work & life)
Pack in Action
Academic PACKways (resources & advice for faculty job market)

NC State Postdocs Past & Present LinkedIn Group Grows
Now with 450+ members!

See OPA newsletter archive or Subscribe!
2021 Postdoc Year in Review: Postdoc Career Outcomes

185 postdocs left NC State in 2021 for a variety of careers

Exiting postdocs with career outcomes (n=85):

- **Academic**: 52%
- **Industry**: 39%
- **Government**: 7%
- **Nonprofit**: 2%

**Employment Sector**

- **9 postdocs now Assistant Professors**
  - Selected Institutions:
    - Cornell University
    - College of New Jersey
    - Georgia College
    - Iowa State University
    - Moffitt Cancer Center
    - University of Oklahoma
    - School for International Training
    - +1 position in China

- **2 postdocs now at USDA**
- **1 at EPA & NC State Climate Office**

**Industry Employers**

- Apple
- Applied Materials
- AstraZeneca
- Cambrex
- Colgate-Palmolive
- Dow Chemical
- Intel
- Nautilus Biotechnology
- Samsung

**34% of former postdocs employed in the Research Triangle Region**