



SPHERE of Opportunities

Expanding Postdoc Development Support Across Disciplines

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SPHERE (Social, Natural and Physical Sciences, Humanities, and Engineering Resources and Education) is a community of practice that aims to better understand the needs of non-biomedical postdocs and strategize, crowdsource, and create resources to meet these needs.

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Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Engineering



Share the repository with your Engineering Postdocs

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2024

- ✓ Curated fellowship repository for domestic and international postdocs
- ✓ Industry Careers Panel during National Postdoc Appreciation Week

PROJECTS FOR 2025

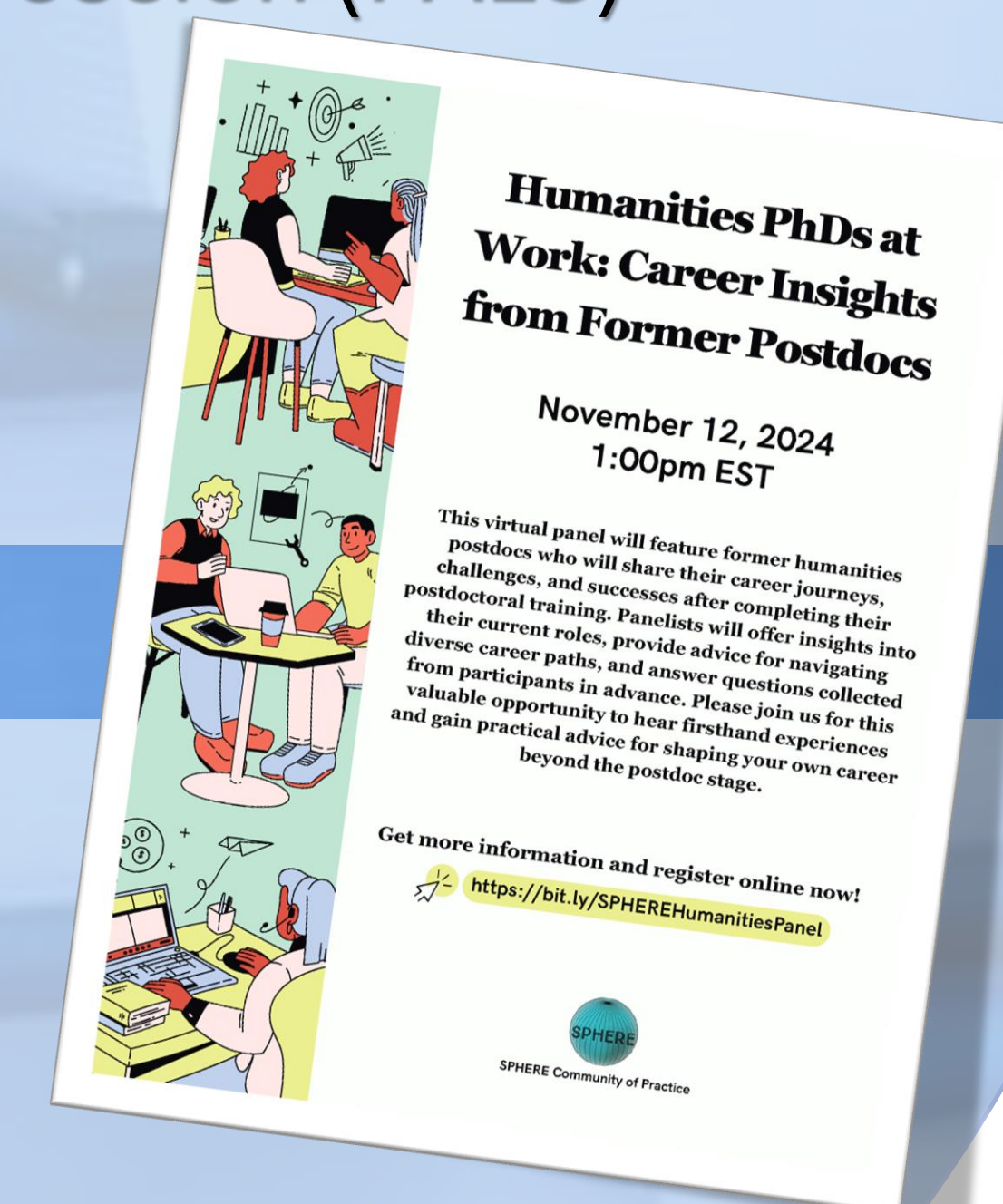
- ✓ Plan a virtual faculty careers event
- ✓ Partner with NPA and Engineering societies to promote postdoc resources and support



Humanities

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2024

- ✓ Humanities & Social Sciences Postdoc Academy Learning Session (PALS)
- ✓ Humanities PhDs at Work Panel



PROJECTS FOR 2025

- ✓ Humanities Toolkit (e.g., IDP-style timeline, international postdoc goals, discipline pathways).

Natural Sciences

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2024

- ✓ Panels on Mental Health in Planetary Science and Immigration Education
- ✓ New fellowship repository

PROJECTS FOR 2025

- ✓ Organize mentoring, leadership, and career development opportunities
- ✓ Expand fellowship repository for international postdocs

Social Sciences

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2024

- ✓ Annual Career Panel during National Postdoc Appreciation Week
- ✓ Curated tools and resources for postdocs

PROJECTS FOR 2025

- ✓ Collect and analyze data from **Social Sciences Postdoc Needs Survey**



Share the survey with your Social Sciences Postdocs