



Yale Ciencia Academy *for* *Professional Development*



The Yale Ciencia Academy (YCA) is a FREE year-long program that equips biomedical and health sciences doctoral students from underrepresented backgrounds with the knowledge, skills, and networks they need to find great postdoctoral positions.



YCA introduced me to an amazingly diverse cohort of scientists that became my support community. This program consistently provided me with the confidence to push through the challenges of grad school. If not for YCA, I may have succumbed to the unique challenges that grad students of color face.

- 2020 YCA Fellow

Deadline March 1st



Eligibility

- Enrolled in a doctoral program in a biological, biomedical, behavioral or health sciences
- Within 1.5-2 years of graduating (expecting to start a postdoc after June 2024)
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident *
- Self-identify as being from an underrepresented group *

** as defined by NIH*

For more information, visit www.cienciapr.org/yca

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- Meet **diverse & accomplished** scientists, experts, and peers
- Improve your **planning, mentoring, and communication skills** and demystify the post-PhD transition
- Develop an **Individual Development Plan for the PhD transition**
- Create a well-crafted **personal narrative** for networking
- Get feedback on a polished **20-minute talk** about your work
- Make your **public engagement** more meaningful and strategic
- **Travel all-expenses-paid to Yale** for two In-Person Meetings
- **Gain recognition** as a YCA fellow through a press release, the YCA website, and social media channels
- Become part of our **YCA alumni network** (>225 peers) and access sample fellowships and professional opportunities



Timeline

- **Applications open from January 10 to March 1, 2023**
- Selected participants notified before May
- Initial meeting at Yale, June 20-23, 2023
- Program runs from June 2023 - June 2024

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