



We're Voting Yes for our Union, Johns Hopkins Postdoctoral Researchers Organized-UAW (PRO-UAW)!

On June 4th, 5th, and 6th, we will have the opportunity to vote YES to form our union here at Johns Hopkins University. In doing so, we will join over 100,000 academic workers across the UAW, including thousands of postdoctoral researchers who have already come together to raise standards and create a more equitable, inclusive, and fair academic community.

As postdoctoral researchers, we play a critical role in driving the world-class research conducted at JHU. Currently, Johns Hopkins administration unilaterally makes decisions about our working conditions. Without collective bargaining, we cannot properly address the myriad of issues that we all face, and that we have all heard in the thousands of conversations we have had with each other over the past few years.

We face unreliable salary increases that lag behind the rising cost of living, insufficient financial and administrative support for international researchers, and lack health coverage support for those of us who are parents or are taking care of our loved ones, among other challenges. This lack of agency – exacerbated by the political uncertainty coming from the federal government – hinders our ability to plan our lives, support our families, and focus on our research that provides breakthroughs and life-changing progress to people around the world. When a majority of us vote YES for our union, the administration will be legally obligated to bargain with us to improve the issues most important to us, and codify such agreements into a legal contract that cannot be changed or altered without our negotiation or consent.

We therefore urge our colleagues to vote YES for our union, so that we have the strongest possible mandate to bargain a fair union contract with the JHU administration that improves our working conditions and our lives.

In solidarity,

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