

PeopleAdmin  
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Guide

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## General System Information

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*PeopleAdmin* is the George Washington University's online position management and recruitment system for updating job descriptions, requesting a job classification review, and for hiring new employees. To begin the process of recruitment, an approved Position Description is required.

This guide provides instructions on logging in, setting up a user account, requesting a password reset, and navigating the PeopleAdmin site.

The Home page of the site serves as the starting point for navigation. The Inbox is utilized to monitor all actions that users are responsible for approving and/or taking an action on to include position and Postings. The Watch List is an optional tool that can be used to monitor a process or action.

Key to the basic navigation of the site, is that users will be able to transition between the [Position Management](#) and [Applicant Tracking](#) module. The [Position Management](#) module is used to view, establish new, and modify existing Position Descriptions. The [Applicant Tracking](#) module is used to create Postings and review/process regular hires and non-competitive hires.

*Note: For additional information on non-competitive hires please view the [Non-competitive hire Quick Guide](#).*

Currently we have three distinct employee modules established in PeopleAdmin. Each employment module has a distinct workflow built for the respect employee type: Faculty, Staff, and Research

*Note: See respective Employee type [workflow](#).*

### Employment Workflow

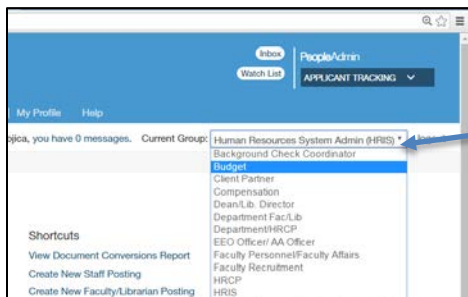
**Staff** – Module built to support the maintenance of Position Descriptions and management of university Postings and hires of Benefit eligible staff positions not in the Research and Labs Job Family.

**Faculty/Librarian** –Module built to support the management of faculty and librarian Postings and hires for benefit eligible Faculty and Librarian positions. Librarian position refer to appointed librarian positions (L ECLS), not staff librarian positions.

**Research and Post Doctoral Scientist** - Module built to support the maintenance of Position Descriptions and management of university Postings and hires of Benefit eligible positions funded by Research within the Research and Labs Job Family.

### System Roles

Your role will determine what Employment Module you have access to. Users should contact their HR Representative to request or modify access. The request form can be found here: [Peopleadmin Access Request Form](#)



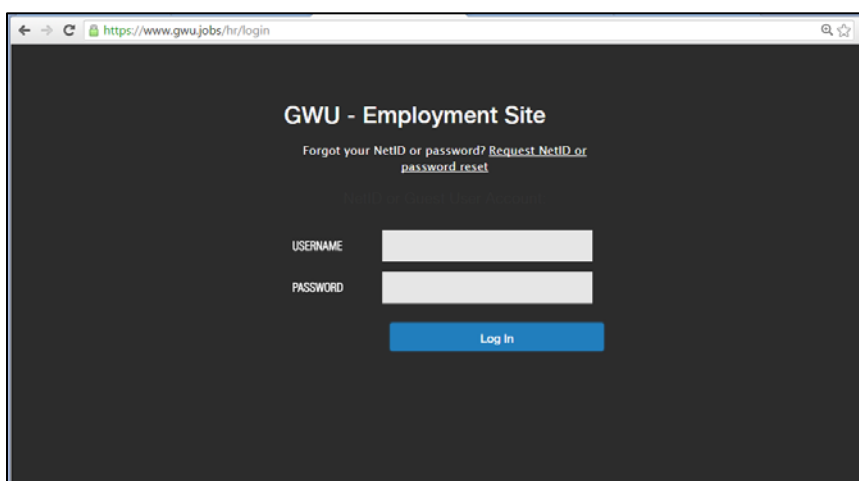
You can view and or change your role by clicking on “Current Group” drop down. The page will automatically refresh and you will see the following message at the top of your browser.

### Non-HR System Roles

Role	Functional Group	Employment Module	Access
Initiator	Departmental users	Research	Access to initiate request to create/modify a Position Description only. No access to Postings or Hiring Proposals.
Finance Director	Finance Directors	Staff, Research	Access to review all hiring requests.
SRA/Department Admin	Departmental users, SRA	Research	Access to initiate request to create/modify a Position Description, Posting, and Hiring Proposals.
Department Fac/Lib	Departmental users	Faculty	Access to initiate request to create/modify a Position Description only. No access to Postings or Hiring Proposals.
Dean/Lib. Director	Dean, Finance Directors	Faculty	Access to review all hiring requests.

### How to log-in to PeopleAdmin (PA7)

From the web browser go to set: <https://www.gwu.jobs/hr> to log-in. The system uses single sign on for log in authentication. You will need your Net ID and password to log-in. You do not need be logged in to the vpn to access the PeopleAdmin system.



Note: If you are using **Guest User Credentials** to access a Posting, enter the username and password you received by email from gwujobs@gwu.edu.

### Navigating the Home Page

The Home Page defaults to the Applicant Tracking module.

The screenshot shows the PeopleAdmin interface. At the top right, there are buttons for 'Inbox', 'Watch List', and 'APPLICANT TRACKING'. The 'My Profile' tab is highlighted in the navigation bar. Below the navigation, the user's name 'Albert Mojica' and current group 'SRA/Dept. Admin' are shown. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to your Online Recruitment System'. It features three main sections: 'Inbox' (1725 items), 'Watch List' (14 items), and 'Shortcuts'. The 'Inbox' section has tabs for 'Postings (10+)', 'Hiring Proposals (10+)', and 'Actions (10+)'. Below these tabs is a table with columns for 'Job Title', 'Type', 'Current State', and 'Owner'. The 'Watch List' section has tabs for 'Postings (6)', 'Hiring Proposals (8)', and 'Actions (0)'. Below these tabs is a table with columns for 'Job Title', 'Type', 'Current State', and 'State Owner'. The 'Shortcuts' section lists various links like 'Create New Research and Post Doctoral Scientist Posting', 'My Reports', 'My Links', 'Useful Links', 'Help', 'Your Applicant Portal', 'Peopleadmin 7 (PA7) FAQ's', 'Recruitment Quick Guide', 'PA7 User Guide', 'Telephone Reference Check Form', and 'Posting Requirements - F/T & P/T'.

**Current Group** – This section lets you know what role you are currently logged in as.

**Inbox** - In the Inbox you will find tasks that need action. An action indicates moving the Posting or description to the next workflow state. Within the Inbox, the first tab, called **Postings**, presents Posting tasks that need an action taken. The second tab, called **Hiring Proposals**, presents a Hiring Proposal requiring an action. The third tab, called **Actions**, will present Position Description tasks that need an action taken. Please note that actions can be taken from both the Applicant Tracking and Position Management modules.

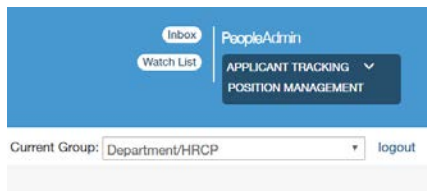
**Watch List** - This serves as a reference to monitor the workflow of Postings and Position Description actions you wish to monitor. You are able to select specifically which actions to place in the Watch List

**Shortcuts** - This section may be used to Create a New Posting.

**My Profile** – Provides access to user account details, including managing the account's password, and editing account information and default settings.

**Logout** – The user may logout from any location within the system by selecting logout in the upper right corner of the page  
*Note: You will be automatically logged out after 60 minutes.*

**Switching Module** - To switch between the Applicant Tracking and Position Management modules, toggle over APPLICANT TRACKING and select POSITION MANAGEMENT.



### Creating a Personalized Saved Search

Search is available for all major items in the system, roughly corresponding to the items represented as tabs in the product – Postings, Position Descriptions, Hiring Proposals, Applications, and Applicants.

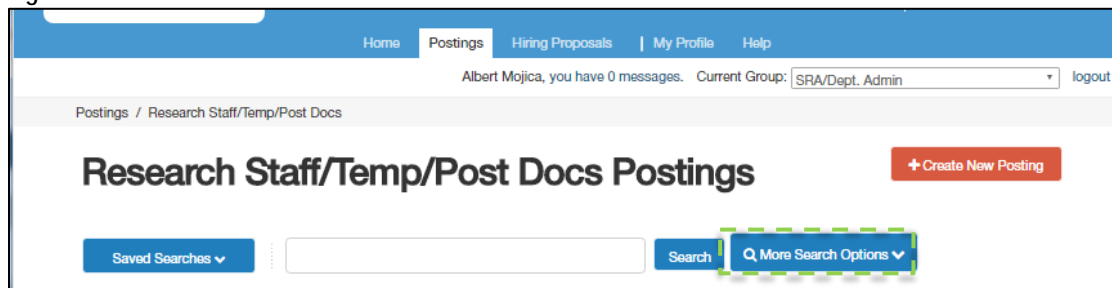
Searches allow you to assemble information in a report-like format. After you define and run a search, you can export the search results as a spreadsheet.

If you expect to need the same set of information repeatedly, you can save a search after you set it up. This allows you to use it whenever you need to, without reconstructing it.

### Creating your own Custom Searches

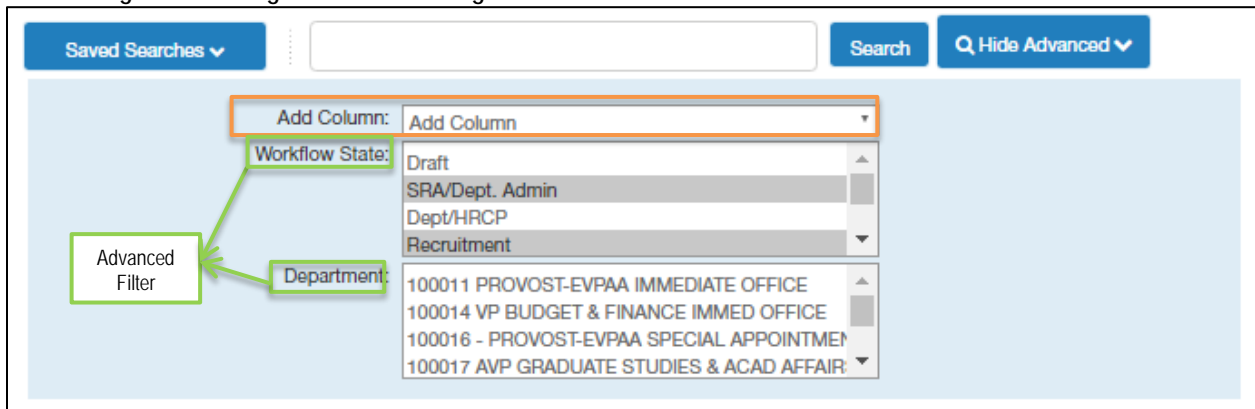
1. The text search box allows you to search for specific words or names
2. Select “More Search Options” to expand the search tools area. (Figure 1)

Figure 1:



3. Use the searching and filtering tools to narrow down the results that the system presents: (Figure 2)

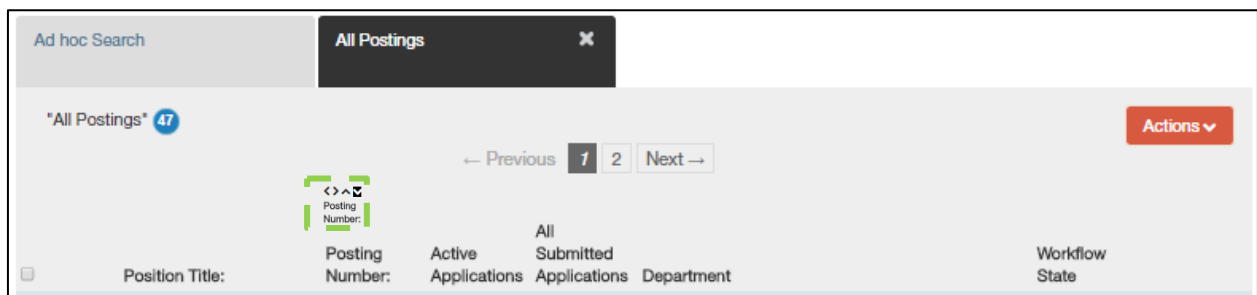
- You can **Add Columns** by selecting the field you wish to add from the “Add Column” drop-down list if the information you need is not included on the page.
- Use **Advanced Filters** (if any are available, ctrl+select if you want to use more than one) to narrow down the results.
- **Figure 2: Adding columns and using advanced filters**



4. Use the column controls (Figure 3) to organize and sort the search results:

- Move a column to the left or to the right using its left and right controls.
- Delete a column using its delete control if you do not want to display it. If you need to add it back later, use the add columns control to do so.
- Order the search results by sorting a column in ascending or descending order using its up and down controls.

Column Controls Figure 3:



Using a saved search

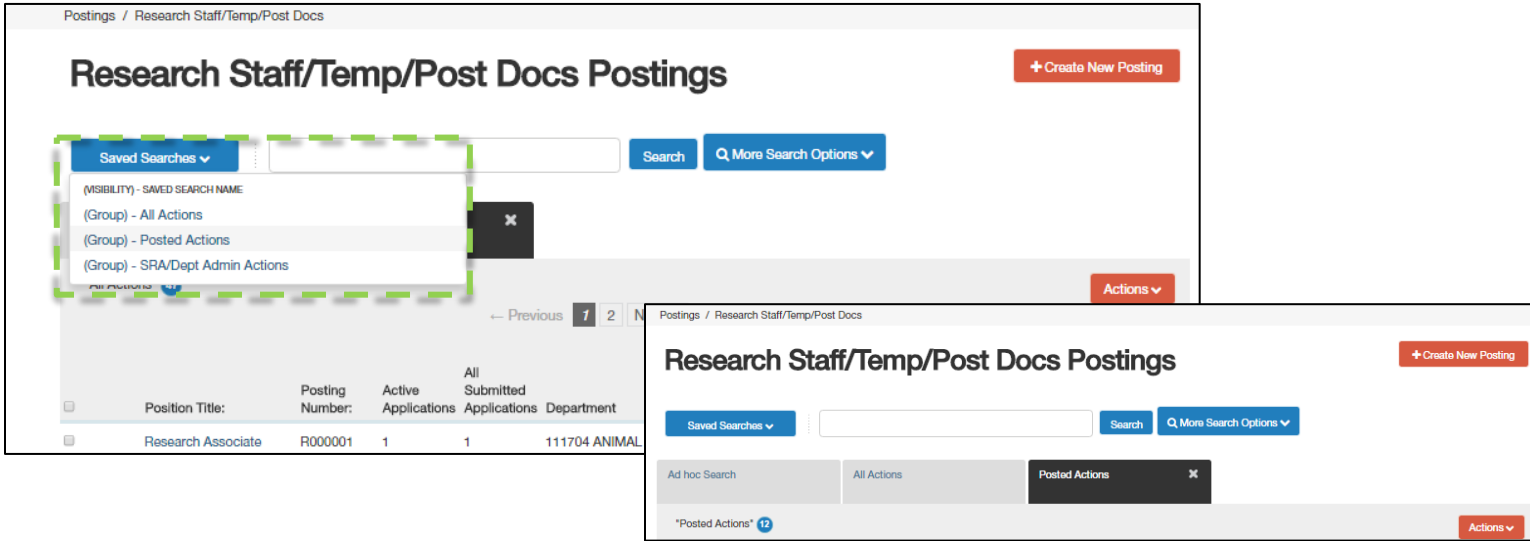
After you define and run a search, you can save the search parameters for later use and you can also export the search results to a spreadsheet.

Select a saved search and the system will automatically load all records with the save parameters. For example, selecting “Closed Posting” will return all Postings which are currently in a “Closed” state.

Running a Saved Search

1. Access the list of items you need to search (i.e. Postings, Hiring Proposals, and Applicants).
2. From the **Open Saved Search** menu, select the search you want to run. A new tab presents the search results.

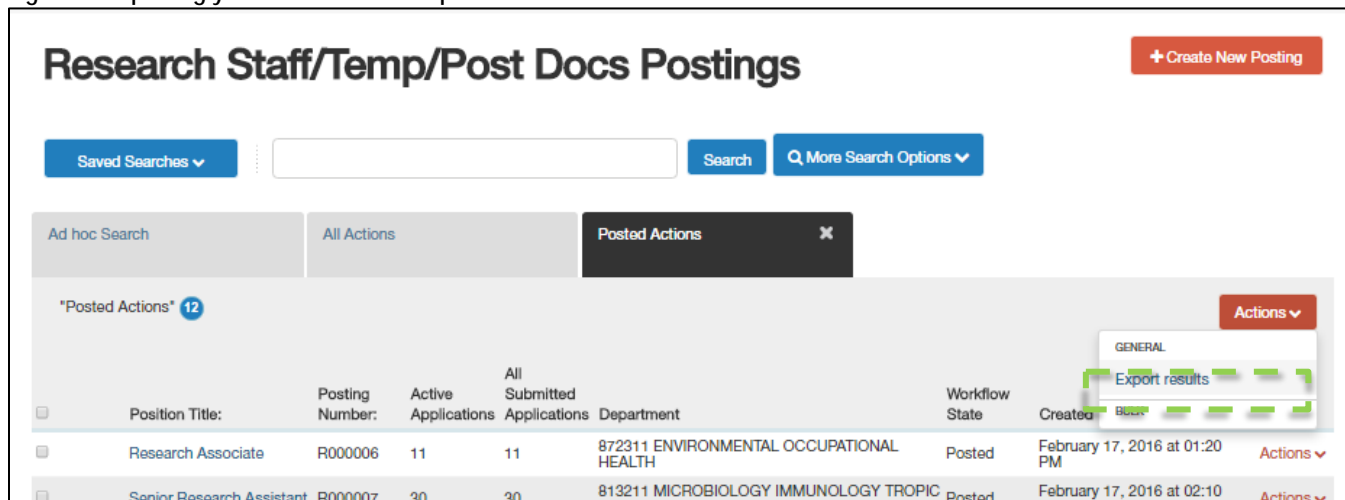
Figure 4: Running a Saved Search



Exporting your results

1. From the **Actions** menu, select "Export Results" (Figure 5).

Figure 5: Exporting your result to excel report






The search results are saved in .xls format. Depending on your browser, the file may automatically download to your computer's download folder, or you may be prompted to choose whether you want to open or save the file.


## [How to Create a Competitive Hire \(Hiring Proposal\)](#)

### Position Description Creation

A **Position Description** is the first required step for a **Posting Requisition** for Staff and Research positions.

- 1) Log in to PeopleAdmin7 system and switch to **Position Management** module.
- 2) Hover over 'Position Descriptions' and click **Staff**.
- 3) Click the  button at the top right corner.
- 4) You will receive a pop-up window to choose the action you would like to start. Click on **New Position Description**.
- 5) Enter the proposed Position Title. The Organization Unit section will default unless you have responsibility for more than one department. If you have more than one Organization Unit, you can then select the appropriate unit from the **Banner Org Code/ Dept Name** drop down list.

Postings / Research Staff/Temp/Post Docs / New Posting

 New Posting **Create New Posting** Cancel

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**\* Required Information**

Position Title: \*

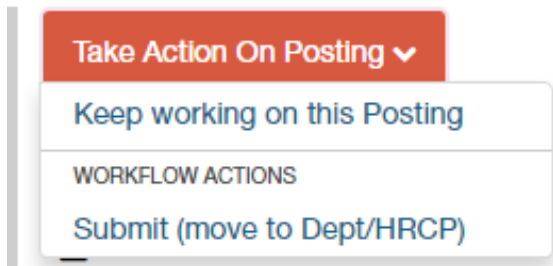
**Organizational Unit**

Vice President \*

Department/School \*

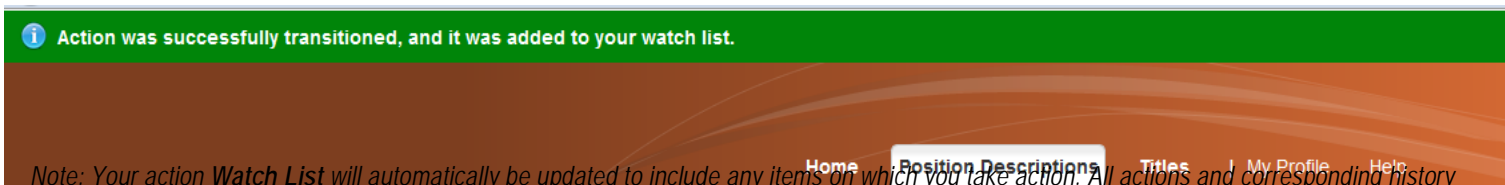
Banner Org Code/ Dept Name \*

- 6) If you have an existing position description within your department(s) that you wish to copy or 'clone', choose that position description from the list at the bottom of the page. This will pull in pertinent information from the 'cloned' position description into this action and allow for edits.
- 7) Click the **Start Action** button.
- 8) Complete all required information in each of the sections which are listed on the left hand side of the screen (Editing Actions). Please note that if you 'cloned' from an existing position description many of the fields will be prepopulated and ready for you to edit if applicable.
- 9) After completing all of the sections you will then review on the Action Summary page. On this page you can check all of the information you entered into the action for accuracy, or make additional edits if necessary.
- 10) To take action, hover over the Take Action on Action button at the top right hand corner of the page and select **Submit (move to Dept/HRCP)**:



*\*Please note, to save this request and submit later, please select 'Keep working on this action'. If there are additional approvers within the department, you will need to select the appropriate action per the workflow.*

11) You will receive a green bar on the top of your page that will state the action was successfully transitioned.

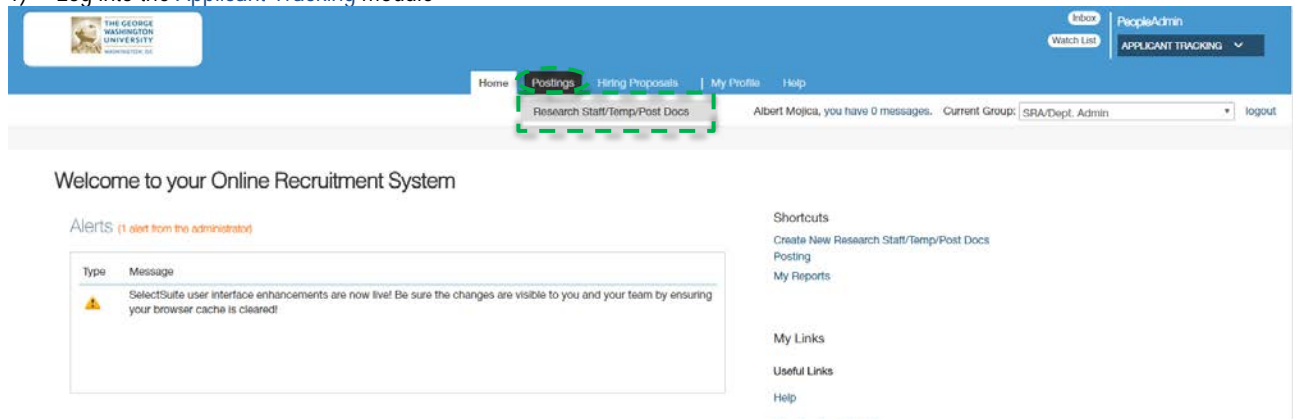


*Note: Your action Watch List will automatically be updated to include any items on which you take action. All actions and corresponding history and status can be reviewed from the Watch List.*

### How to Create a Posting

Posting Requisitions for Staff and Research positions require that a position description first be created and approved through [Position Management](#). In order to post the approved position, a Posting must be created on the [Applicant Tracking Side](#). A Hiring Proposal can only be created from an approved Posting.

1) Log into the Applicant Tracking module



2) To begin creating a new requisition, you may either take the shortcut on right side of Home Page screen by selecting Create New Staff Posting or you may select Staff from Postings and select (right side of screen) -or- Hover over the "Postings" tab and click on "Research and Post Doctoral Scientist"



3) Search Options at next screen will provide a list of approved position descriptions available to you to create a requisition from. To simplify, search for the position by the position number.

4) To go directly to the beginning of the requisition creation, select **Create From** in **Actions** linked to your chosen job description

Albert Mojica, you have 1 message. Current Group: SRA/Dept. Admin logout

Postings / Research Staff/Temp/Post Docs / Create from Position Description

## Research Staff/Temp/Post Docs Position Descriptions

Saved Searches  Search [More Search Options](#)

All Position Descriptions ✕

\*All Position Descriptions\* 7

Position Title:	Approved Position Number:	Department	Status	Actions
Research Assistant	000008	137209 HRC SUPERVISION & ADMIN MA	Active	<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">Create From Posting Outstanding</a>
Senior Research Associate	B08594	872411 EPIDEMIOLOGY-BIOSTATICS	Active	
Research Associate	B08598	872311 ENVIRONMENTAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	Active	
Sr Research Project Director	B07690	872411 EPIDEMIOLOGY-BIOSTATICS	Active	<a href="#">Actions</a>

a)

b) If you prefer to view the job description before beginning the requisition, you may view the description first by clicking on the title. From this Position Description screen, select [Create Posting from this Position Description](#) to create the posting.

5) At the **New Posting** screen **Position Title, Vice President, Department/School, Banner Org Code/Dept Name** will prepopulate from the existing position description.

Postings / Research Staff/Temp/Post Docs / New Posting

**New Posting** [Create New Posting](#) [Cancel](#)

\* Required Information

Position Title: \*

**Organizational Unit**

Vice President \*

Department/School \*

Banner Org Code/ Dept Name \*

6) Leave default values for "Applicant Workflow" section.



### Applicant Workflow

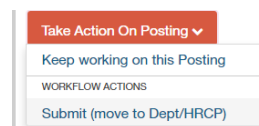
Workflow State

When an application is submitted for this job, it should move to which state in the Candidate Process workflow?

7) You are now ready to create your requisition. Select [Create New Posting](#) and begin completing the **Posting Details** and other tabs of the requisition as necessary.

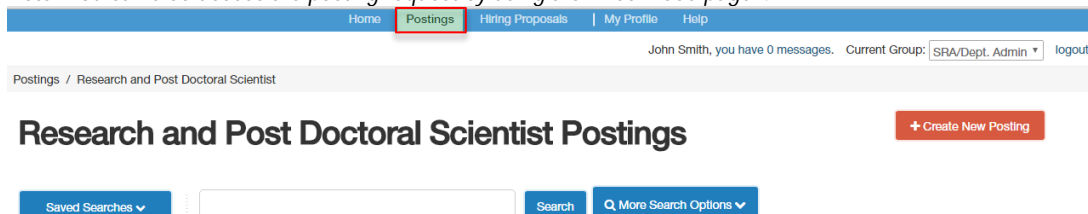
8) **Posting Specific Questions** You may add supplemental questions at this tab. The review/concurrence of HR is necessary before the questions can be used in a Posting.

- 9) **Applicant Documents** Applicant documents may now include an Online Portfolio with a Maximum Allowable Document Size of 9MB.
- 10) **Guest Users** You can grant **Guest Users** access to view applicants for this specific Posting. The system will generate a **Username** and **Password** and distribute to identified guest users at time of Posting. Make sure to click on **Update Guest User Recipient List** when you have identified the email address(es) of the users you like to grant Guest Users access. Note: All of the guest users for the Posting will be granted with the same credentials
- 11) When all the tabs have been completed and you are on the Summary page, the tabs that have exclamation points  next to them indicate that there is required information missing. Select Edit button next to the tab title to return to that page. Check mark  indicates that all required fields have been successfully completed.
- 12) When requisition is complete, select next appropriate user to move the action forward. See available choices at **Take Action On Posting**. **Comments** may be added when forwarding an action. If you wish to save the action and submit at a later time you can select "Keep working on this Posting" at which point you can also add **Comments**.



### How to Create a Competitive Hiring Proposal

- 1) Log into the Applicant Tracking module as "SRA/Dept Admin"
- 2) Access desired posting
  - a. Click on "Postings" tab and select the posting for which you wish to initiate a posting  
*Note: You can also access the posting request by using the "Inbox" see page 4.*

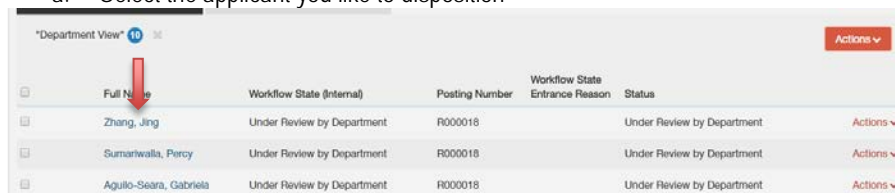


- b. From the posting "Summary" click on the "Applicant" tab  
Posting: Post-Doctoral Scientist (Research and Post Doctoral Scientist)



- i. Disposition Applicants – You can disposition applicants in two ways:
        1. Individually


- a. Select the applicant you like to disposition



- b. Hover over "Take Action on Job Application" where you will see a number of dispositions, select the appropriate disposition for the applicant.

Albert Mojica, you have 0 messages. Current Group: SRA/Dept. Admin [logout](#)

Postings / ... / Research Associate (Posted) / Applicant Review / zhongsheng peng Under Review by Department [Search Results: Next](#)

 **Job application: zhongsheng peng (Research and Post Doctoral Scientist)**

Current Status: Under Review by Department  
Application form: Research Staff/Temp/Post Docs Application

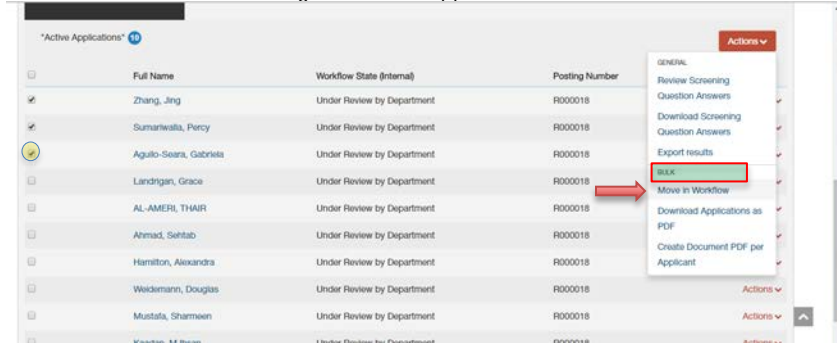
Full name: zhongsheng peng Address: 9209 Darbrow Way Ellicott City, MD 21042 United States of America Username: zpeng Email: johnpeng66@yahoo.com Phone (Primary): Phone (Secondary): 443-535-3762 Phone (Work): 410-706-2884 Position Type: Research and Post Doctoral Scientist	Created by: zhongsheng peng Owner: SRA/Dept. Admin
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**Take Action On Job Application**

- Keep working on this Job application
- WORKFLOW ACTIONS
- Interviewed (move to Interviewed)
- Direct Hire (move to Recommended for Hire)
- Not Selected (move to Not Selected - No Email (Dept only))

2. Bulk Disposition

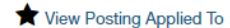
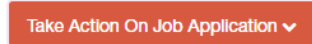
- a. From the applicant list, select the applicants you like to disposition using the checkboxes
- b. Hover over "Actions" button and select "Move in Workflow" under the "Bulk" section  
Note: The bulk section can also be used to view multiple job applications at once using the bulk method and selecting "Download Application as PDF"



- c. Identify two applicants as "Recommend for Hire"  
Note: This will serve as a backup option if the desired applicant falls through

- 3) Identify "Finalist (Begin HP)" - Once an applicant reaches the disposition of "Finalist (Begin HP)" you will see a green button
- 4) Select "Start Research and Post Doctoral Scientist HP" to begin the Hiring Proposal

- a. "Select Position Description" – the position you working on will be selected by default, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the button.



- 5) Complete Hiring Proposal fields accordingly

Actions / ... / Research and Post Doctoral Scientist HP / Research Assistant / Edit

Editing Hiring Proposal

- Hiring Proposal
- Non-Competitive Hire
- Hiring Justification
- Documents
- Hiring Proposal Summary

**Hiring Proposal**

[Check spelling](#)

\* Required Information

**Hiring Proposal**

Auto Tracking Number:

Candidate First Name: Douglas

Candidate Last Name: Weidemann

Posting Number: R000018

- 6) Take Action transition request to next reviewer  
Note: Leave comments

How to Create a Non-Competitive Hire

A non-competitive hire of recruitment is an exception to the recruitment policy, allowing a specific individual with unique skills to be hired without listing the position for a competitive posting. It is preferable to list all positions through the recruitment portal to allow equal access and opportunities for applicants.

**Position Management** – Standard process for establishing a “New Position Description

**Posting**

The SRA/Department Admin or the Department/HRCP will need to indicate that posting request is for a non-competitive hire. You will need to select “Yes” to “Is this a non-competitive hire of recruitment?”

The screenshot shows the HR system interface. On the left is a sidebar with 'Posting Details' selected, containing options like 'Posting Specific Quest...', 'Applicant Documents', 'Posting Documents', 'Guest User', 'Reference Requests', 'Search Committee Members', and 'Evaluative Criteria'. The main area shows 'I. POSITION INFORMATION' with a form. A red dashed box highlights the question 'Is this a waiver of recruitment?' with a dropdown menu set to 'Yes'. Other fields include 'Last Review Date' (01/29/2016) and 'Posting Number' (B000008).

This will flag the recruitment request so that the Recruitment team can post the action as a Hiring Non-competitive hire. Upon creating the “Posting” the “Department/HRCP” user will receive a system generated email with a link to the “Hiring Non-competitive hire” as well as the “Quick Link for Posting” address. The HR Representative can then forward the “Quick Link for Posting” to the candidate so that they may complete their employee profile.

*Note: “Hiring Non-competitive hire” posting requisition will not be posted externally to the gwu.jobs site nor any other job boards.*

The screenshot shows the HR system interface for a specific posting. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Postings', 'Hiring Proposals', 'My Profile', and 'Help'. The main content area displays 'Posting: Post Doctoral Scientist (Research Staff/Temp/Post Docs)' with a 'Current Status: Hiring Waiver'. A green box highlights the URL <http://www.gwu.jobs/postings/33100> with a green arrow pointing to it. A sidebar on the right offers actions like 'Take Action On Posting', 'See how Posting looks to Applicant', and 'Print Preview (Applicant View)'. A message at the bottom states: 'This posting is not available to applicants via search results but may be accessed directly at http://www.gwu.jobs/postings/33100'.

## Hiring Proposal

For "Hiring Non-competitive hire" the "SRA/Department Admin" or "Department/HRCP" will have to fill out the "Hiring Non-competitive hire" section of the Hiring proposal.

The screenshot displays the 'Hiring Waiver' section of a hiring proposal form in the PeopleAdmin system. The interface includes a top navigation bar with 'Home', 'Postings', 'Hiring Proposals', 'My Profile', and 'Help'. A user notification for 'Albert Mojica' and a 'Current Group' dropdown set to 'Department/HRCP' are visible. The left sidebar shows a navigation menu with 'Hiring Waiver' selected. The main content area contains a 'Check spelling' link, a text input field for the waiver description, and two dropdown menus for 'Is the finalist named in the grant or a lab transfer?' and 'Is this a STEM position?'. The form includes 'Save', '<< Prev', and 'Next >>' buttons at the top and bottom right.

Upon completing the Hiring Proposal the Department/HRCP role will have the option of bypassing EEO and sending the request directly to Recruitment to "Start the Background Check and Generate Offer Letter"



**Access Security** – System security is driven by a combination of what roles and banner org codes/departments you have access to.

**Actions Menu** – From the search interface you have access to features such as bulk transitioning of applicants and ability to export search results as well as various documents.

**Action Summary** - Can be prompted at any time during an action and provides a preview of the work that has been completed thus far and what still may need to be completed.

**Back Button** - Internet browser Back Button is fully functional and the user can use this to navigate the system.

**Comments** - When working on a Posting, users have the ability to first leave any comments for the next workflow state owner with regards to the creation of Posting. Adding Comments is optional and viewable to anyone who has authorized access to the electronic file and cannot be erased.

**Guest User Account** - Guest Users are notified of their account access by an automated email when you add the guest users' email.

**HR Suite** – refers to the Position Management and Applicant Tracking modules

**Inbox** - The Inbox is found on your home page and presents the tasks within the HR Suite. This includes items that are specifically assigned to a user and reflects the current state which requires your action. The Inbox does not include items that are currently assigned to other users.

**Save Function** - As a tab is completed, the system will save the work up to that point. You can exit the action at any time and the most recently completed tab will be saved. Selecting the Save button at the top or bottom of each page will also save the work before moving on to the next tab.

**Searches** - Each user has access to Saved Searches, as well as the ability to create and save personal searches specific to the user's account. Additionally, the data within these searches can be personalized to reflect the user's needs.

**Security of Data** - To ensure the security of the data provided by applicants, the system will automatically log the user out after 60 minutes if it detects no activity.

**Spell Check** - After completing entries on a tab, make use of the Spell Check feature. This feature will highlight by underlining in red, the word(s) misspelled and you will then be able to change to correct spelling.

**Summary** - The summary page is provided as a document review of the Posting to make sure you have completed all the required information before submitting further. A red error box will appear if required fields are missing. An exclamation point is an indicator that a required field is not completed in a section of the action. Editor link identifies the field(s) to be completed. Actions with missing required fields will not be moved forward.

**Take Action On Action** - When working on a Position Description or Posting Action, in order to move the action to the next step in the workflow. The user will always need to go to the Take Action on Action button to move the Position Description or Posting to the next workflow state.

**Watch List** - The Watch List is found on the Home page and allows the user to determine what actions to "Watch". It serves as an easy reference to monitor the workflow of certain processes that the user needs to be aware of, such as Position Description actions, Postings or Applicant flow.