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All UF employees on a Postdoctoral Associate or Postdoctoral Fellow appointment may enroll in the PostDocCare health plan [online](#). [More info](#)

August 22 Networking Workshop with Practice Session
5:00pm-7:00pm, 125 Rhines Hall

Professional Networking

The next [Postdoc Development Workshop](#) will take on the important topic of professional networking. Knowing what networking is, how it benefits you directly, and why you need to do it and do it well, will be the topic of the first part of our next workshop. Heather White, Director of the UF Career Resource Center, and Teri Balser, Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, will present on why networking is critical for your success. Following the presentations, there will be interactive networking exercises for participants to perfect their networking skills.

Postdoc Social Hour will follow the workshop at The Swamp Restaurant.

This workshop series is coordinated by [Thierry Dubroca](#), Chair, Postdoc Development Workshops.

The social activities are coordinated by [Kristina Neely](#), Chair, Postdoc Social Events.

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

The University's Presidential Search Committee wants your opinion!

On August 24, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., an open forum will be held in the President's Room of Emerson Alumni Hall to discuss the criteria to be used for the selection of our next leader. In an effort to shape the search criteria used by the Presidential Search Committee, questions will be posed, such as: What do you think makes UF unique? What qualifications or experiences would be important for the next UF president to have or possess?

Following nearly a decade of service, President Machen announced in June his tenure as president will end next year and that he and Board of Trustees Chairman David Brown would agree on a date for his departure after a successor is appointed. That announcement signaled the start of a nationwide search to identify the 12th president of the University of Florida. Finding the right person to lead a major public research university like UF requires the dedication and involvement of the search committee as well as the extended university community.

If you would like to attend this open forum and provide your input, please complete an [online interest form](#) to ensure we can accommodate those who would like to participate. Those who wish to provide input but are unable to attend the open forum may send comments to presidentsearch@ufl.edu by August 20.

In addition to this open forum, two focus groups will be held—one for faculty from across UF who have been asked by their colleges and the faculty senate to represent a wide range of faculty interests, as well as one for students who represent a wide range of student interests.

Faculty Senate Chair Cheri Brodeur added: "The faculty senate is working closely with administration and will involve faculty throughout the search process."

The open forum and focus groups will also be streamed via the Internet for those who are unable to attend in person; further details will be posted on the [Presidential Search website](#) as soon as they are available.

August 24th is only the beginning. We welcome your ongoing input and questions throughout the presidential search; your views are an important part of the search process. Those who wish to provide input or ask questions are encouraged to send an e-mail to presidentsearch@ufl.edu. For general information, please visit <http://presidentsearch.ufl.edu>.

Submitted by Melissa Orth, University Relations

Keck Graduate Institute Corporate Postdoctoral Residency Program

The Keck Graduate Institute has just launched a new Corporate Postdoctoral Residency Program with Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. The program offers a very unique opportunity for recent PhD graduates or Postdocs to gain knowledge and experience in bioscience management and the life science industry. The residency program is a 24-month corporate experience and networking opportunity that is unsurpassed for postdoctoral researchers interested in opportunities in the life sciences industry.

The program sequence consists of:

- Spring enrollment (January 2013 Start) in the Postdoctoral Professional Masters (PPM) program at Keck Graduate Institute; a 9-month accredited masters program that helps PhDs acquire the business and management skills needed to pursue either R&D or management careers within the life

sciences industry. For more information on the PPM program please click [here](#).

- A paid summer internship at Regeneron in Tarrytown, New York.
- Upon completion of the PPM degree, the postdoctoral residents return to Regeneron, in New York, to participate in a 1-year residency program in one of the following groups: Regulatory, Program Management, or Process Development (placement is based on experience and fit). Please visit our website to find a detailed job description.
- The application deadline is September 11th, 2012. An application consists of the following:
 - A cover letter addressed to Regeneron citing your interest in the specific job position that you are applying for. (Separate cover letters if you are applying for more than one position.)
 - A completed application form to the PPM program. Click [here](#) to begin the application
 - A resume

This year Regeneron offers three residents positions:

- KGI Corporate Postdoctoral Residency Program - Regulatory Associate
- KGI Corporate Postdoctoral Residency Program - Preclinical Manufacturing and Process Development
- KGI Corporate Postdoctoral Residency Program - Project Associate II

For more information about the positions, the application process or information about the PPM program please check the website:

<http://www.kgi.edu/academic-programs/postdoc-professional-masters-program-%28ppm%29/corporate-postdoctoral-residency-programs.html>

You can also contact Yvonne_Klaue@kgi.edu.

Submitted by Yvonne Klaue, Keck Graduate Institute

eWITS - Empowering Women in Technology Startups

Research shows that women wait to be invited to participate in new opportunities. Consider yourself invited to what could be one of the most empowering programs of your life.

eWITS - Empowering Women in Technology Startups is a free pilot program being launched at the University of Florida to provide women with entrepreneurial training and skills that will empower them for the rest of their lives. While not everyone can be an entrepreneur, everyone can benefit from this program.

Women think differently than men and this difference can be a powerful source of competitive advantage. By providing women with the necessary entrepreneurial training to leverage women's unique skills and perspectives for new business creation, we can transform them from employees to employers.

More information: <http://ewits.org/>

Upcoming Information Sessions:

- August 21, 2012, 4-6pm, UF Innovation Hub
- August 30, 2012, 4-6pm, UF Innovation Hub

Postdoc VIVO Access Update

VIVO is a research-focused discovery tool that enables collaboration among scientists across all disciplines. Establishing a VIVO account will allow you access to a national network of scientists for research and collaboration.

To access your VIVO account, go to this site: <http://vivo.ufl.edu/> and sign in with your Gatorlink information when prompted.

Photos, additional papers, grants, courses, contact information have been added automatically. You can edit everything but your directory information in the profile. Directory information should be changed in the UF directory. Directory changes are reflected in VIVO after 2 days. You may add papers, research interests, change your profile picture, and change other profile elements.

All UF postdocs should have access to VIVO, but if you find you do not, please e-mail Kim Pace (kpace@aa.ufl.edu)

More information about VIVO can be found here: <http://vivoweb.org/>

Article in *Nature*: Training: Workshops that work

Seminars on career alternatives and soft skills can provide crucial tips for advancement. But some workshops are more helpful than others.

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v488/n7411/full/nj7411-419a.html>

Nature 488, 419-420 (16 August 2012) doi:10.1038/nj7411-419a

Spaces still available for New Postdoc Orientation - Register Now!

All are invited to the New Postdoc Orientation on Sept. 19, during National Postdoc Appreciation Week (Sept. 17-21). This orientation will be held in Emerson Alumni Hall at UF, and will begin at 8am and last through 2pm.

Please register here: <http://npo2012.eventbrite.com/>.

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Reminder: Gainesville Postdocs on Facebook and LinkedIn

Join this [Facebook group](#) for Gainesville area postdocs as well as the LinkedIn group: http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Gainesville-Postdocs-4479251?trk=myg_ugrp_ovr%20

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Reminder: FREE Affiliate NPA Membership

If you did not receive your invitation to join the National Postdoctoral Association or if your invitation has expired and you need to be sent a refreshed invitation, please [contact Kim Pace](#) to receive an invitation.

[More information.](#)

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