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Reminder:

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

Postdoc Mentoring Award Applications Now Available

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to launch a Postdoc Mentoring Awards program to recognize and reward outstanding faculty mentors of postdocs. Information about the awards process and application materials are available on the Postdoc Mentoring Awards Web site: <http://postdoc.aa.ufl.edu/mentoring-awards>

Deadline for nominations by the colleges to the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is January 15, 2013.

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Postdoctoral Researcher Ashley Seifert in the News

Dr. Ashley Seifert, postdoctoral researcher in the UF department of biology and member of the Postdoctoral Affairs Advisory Committee, made the news with his regenerative tissue discovery in African spiny mice. His research article, published in the Sept. 27 issue of *Nature*, was picked up by a large number of news sources,

including NPR, the BBC, MSNBC, FOX, and ABC news to name just a few.

Read more about Dr. Seifert's research discovery here:

<http://news.ufl.edu/2012/09/26/mammal-regen/>

Read the journal article published in *Nature* here:

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v489/n7417/full/nature11499.html>

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UF Libraries Resources on Responsible Conduct of Research, Ethics and Mentoring

UF Libraries, in collaboration with the Graduate School and NSF-funded I-Cubed (Innovation through Institutional Integration) Program, has been facilitating the creation and expansion of resources on responsible conduct of research, ethics, mentoring, and other professional development topics.

The Responsible Conduct of STEM Research guide at

<http://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/stemrcr> outlines the components of responsible research, and provides links to interesting case studies, teaching and training tools, and guidelines and best practices for authorship, mentoring, peer review, plagiarism prevention, data management, working with human and animal subjects, and more. Use the "request a seminar" form to set up a workshop for your department or group.

Please utilize this guide to its full potential and share it with your colleagues!

Submitted by I-Cubed and the UF Libraries

Health Science Center Library to host the NCBI discovery workshops

(broadcast from Univ of Michigan). Please click on the link to register and for more information on each class.

- Sequences, Genomes and Maps (broadcast from Univ. Michigan) Room C2-41C (bring your own laptop for this one if you want to follow the instructor) October 11, 2012 9:00- 11:30 AM
http://training.health.ufl.edu/public_workshops_view_details.aspx?ID=677
- Proteins, Domains and Structures (broadcast from Univ. Michigan) Room C2-3 (computer classroom) October 11, 2012 1:00- 3.30 PM
http://training.health.ufl.edu/public_workshops_view_details.aspx?ID=678
- NCBI BLAST Services (broadcast from Univ. Michigan) Room C2-3 (computer classroom) October 12, 2012 9:00- 11:30 AM
http://training.health.ufl.edu/public_workshops_view_details.aspx?ID=679
- Human Variation and Disease Genes (broadcast from Univ. Michigan) Room C2-3 (computer classroom) October 12, 2012 1:00- 3.30 PM
http://training.health.ufl.edu/public_workshops_view_details.aspx?ID=680

Free and open to students, faculty, and staff.

The Discovery Workshops consist of 2.5-hour hands-on sessions emphasizing NCBI resources. They will provide specific examples to highlight important features of the resources and tools and will demonstrate how to accomplish common tasks.

Submitted by Rolando Milian, UF Health Sciences Center Library

Article in Science Careers (from Science): Big Pharma Ramps Up Postdoc Programs

Pharmaceutical industry watchdogs have long looked to 2012 as the year of the

steepest drop off the industry's so-called patent cliff, and so far this year companies have indeed lost a record number of patents on blockbuster drugs. These and other changes in the industry have led to years of lower corporate earnings, massive layoffs (of scientists and other workers), and experiments in outsourcing all sorts of activities that once were done in-house, including early-stage research and development.

But a knowledge-intensive industry like this one cannot thrive for long by shedding expertise. Sooner or later, companies will have to figure out how to innovate their way back into the black, and that will require people with good ideas. One cost-effective way pharmaceutical companies are looking to find such people—with fresh minds and good ideas—is by creating or expanding postdoctoral programs.

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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

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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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