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Important Information re: Postdoc Insurance:

Effective July 1, 2013, the University of Florida's insurance plan for Postdoctoral Associates and Postdoctoral Fellows will be provided as part of GatorCare, the University's new self-insured health plan. The name of the plan is GatorCare Options. To view a plan brochure for GatorCare Options, please visit http://gatorcare.org/options_g.asp. For further details about GatorCare in general, please visit <http://gatorcare.org>.

Beginning July 1, 2013, newly hired Postdoctoral Associates and Postdoctoral Fellows will be able to complete their GatorCare Options enrollment via the myUFL system. Detailed instructions on how to enroll can be found on the attachment.

Important deadlines:

- New hires must complete enrollment within 60 days of hire.
- Qualifying event changes must be completed within 60 days of the event.
- Open enrollment elections must be completed prior to the end of open enrollment.

If you have questions about enrollment or eligibility, please contact HRS's GA and Post Doc Associate Benefits Office at hrspostdocbenefits@admin.ufl.edu or (352) 392-0003.

- [All Inclusive Guide](#) (.pdf)
 - [Information from InfoGator](#) (.pdf)
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Take the UF Postdoc Survey

In 2012, when the UF Office of Postdoctoral Affairs was created and was making plans for programs and resources to serve the UF postdoctoral community, the OPA surveyed the UF postdoc population. Based on the responses to this survey, the OPA put resources and programming in place to meet the needs of the survey respondents. The OPA would like to know what UF postdocs have found useful in the OPA's offerings this past year. Please take time to complete the UF Postdoc Survey located here:

https://ufl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3JMfrRNVmclnQLH

The survey is anonymous and all questions are optional. Completing all questions will take around 20 minutes. The survey will remain open until **July 9, 2013**.

Please take the time to let the OPA know what you think and what programs and resources have been most helpful to you.

Submitted by Kim Pace, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Postdoc Development Workshop on Thursday, June 20

Taking Leadership:

Thursday, June 20, 4-6pm, McKnight Brain Institute, Room LG110 A&B

Learn how to:

- *Be a role model*
- *Be an advocate to effect positive change*
- *Think strategically to solve problems and increase productivity*

[Workshop Flyer - Portrait](#) (.pdf)

[Workshop Flyer - Landscape](#) (.pdf)

From the Postdoc Social Committee: Postdoc Social Following Workshop

The Workshop will be followed by a Postdoc Social at the Top starting at 6:30 pm! Come have a drink with your fellow Gator postdocs!! The Top is located at: 30 N Main St. Let's meet in the back patio weather permitted. See you there!

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Announcing Research!America's Inaugural Advocacy Academy

Research!America is pleased to announce an exciting new program to introduce and engage early-career scientists in research advocacy and science policy. The 2013 Research!America Advocacy Academy is a unique opportunity for postdoctoral fellows in the health and biomedical sciences to learn about how to best incorporate advocacy and effective communications into their role as a scientist.

More information: <http://www.researchamerica.org/advocacyacademy>

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Significant Changes to the Pathway To Independence Award (K99/R00)

The [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#) has announced changes in the eligibility for the NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00).

Download [this flier](#) for more information.

Funding Opportunity: Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America Foundation

[Pre Doctoral Fellowships](#), [Post Doctoral Fellowships](#), [Sabbatical Fellowships](#), and [Research Starter Grant Awards](#)

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America Foundation (PhRMA) supports the training, research and careers of young pharmaceutical scientists by awarding competitive grants and fellowships. [Awards](#) are provided under the categories of Pharmacology/Toxicology, Informatics, Clinical Pharmacology, Pharmaceuticals and Health Outcomes.

[Pharmacology/Toxicology](#) (Deadline: September 1, 2013)

- [Pre Doctoral Fellowship](#) - Due to the high demand for this fellowship, the PhRMA Foundation will accept only one application per academic institution. **Instructions for the internal selection process are provided below.**
- [Post Doctoral Fellowship](#)
- [Sabbatical Fellowship](#)
- [Research Starter Grant](#)

[Informatics](#) (Deadline: September 1, 2013)

- [Pre Doctoral Fellowship](#) - Due to the high demand for this fellowship, the PhRMA Foundation will accept only two applications per academic institution. **Instructions for the internal selection process are provided below.**
- [Post Doctoral Fellowship](#)
- [Sabbatical Fellowship](#)
- [Research Starter Grant](#)

[Pharmaceutics](#) (Deadline: September 1, 2013)

- [Pre Doctoral Fellowship](#)
- [Post Doctoral Fellowship](#)
- [Sabbatical Fellowship](#)
- [Research Starter Grant](#)

INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS: Because of the limitation on the number of submissions for the Pre Doctoral Fellowship Programs in Pharmacology/Toxicology and Informatics, the following procedures have been established for internal screening and selection:

- Students interested in applying in one of these two categories should send internal pre-proposals (following the format/content guidelines below) to their Department Chair. Chairs are asked to review and prioritize their submissions. **Interested applicants should contact their Chair to determine their departmental submission deadline.**
- Chairs should submit their ranked internal pre-proposals to Dr. William Millard, Executive Associate Dean, College of Pharmacy (millard@cop.ufl.edu) by **June 26, 2013**. A faculty committee will review the submissions and make a selection recommendation.

INTERNAL PRE-PROPOSAL FORMAT/CONTENTS: Pre-proposals should contain the following:

- Description of thesis research and how it fulfills the goals of the fellowship program (maximum 3 pages single-spaced, 11 point font)
- CV
- Letter of support from graduate advisor or department chair (2 pages)

maximum)

Submitted by Margaret Friend, UFHealth Office of Development

Open Enrollment Save the Dates

Fall Open Enrollment and Benefits Fair

Open Enrollment for the 2014 calendar year is scheduled to begin on October 21 and run through November 8. The Benefits Fair, which features UF's benefits and retirement vendors, will be held on October 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Touchdown Terrace located in the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Watch for details about these and other fall events in upcoming editions of the *InfoGator*. Questions? Please contact University Benefits at (352) 392-2HRS or benefits@ufl.edu.

From Human Resource Services InfoGator

(<http://www.hr.ufl.edu/infogator/2013/june/default.htm>)

Reminder: University of Florida Postdocs on Facebook and LinkedIn

Join this [Facebook group](#) for University of Florida 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.](#)

Submitted by Kim Pace, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Reminder: Postdoc Info Listserv

Want to receive e-mail prompts prior to postdoc events like the [Postdoc Development Workshops](#) and other postdoc events?

A listserv has been created for postdocs to receive reminders for upcoming postdoc events. Please e-mail Kim Pace (kpace@aa.ufl.edu) and tell me you wish to subscribe to the "postdoc info listserv."

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