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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)

Please note that GatorCare is not available to Adjunct Post Docs or Adjunct Clinical Post Docs.

Free iThenticate Accounts Available for Faculty, Post-Docs

The iThenticate anti-plagiarism service is available free for faculty and graduate students through UFIT's campus-wide contract. IThenticate can be used to scan your own possible publications and grant proposals to ensure proper citation of all sources prior to submission. Many government organizations use Ithenticate to review funding proposals and documents, including the NIH, NSF, and EPA.

To use, go to the [LSS website](#), open Research Tools, click on iThenticate, and then click on Request an Account. Email UFIT's [e-Learning Support Services](#) team for assistance with iThenticate or any of your online learning support needs.

Submitted by Doug Johnson, UF Information Technology

ACCF/Merck Research Fellowships in Cardiovascular Disease RFP - due September 23

Description: Four one-year fellowships will be awarded to support research in adult cardiology. Preference is given to individuals who have had no more than two years of prior full-time experience either in clinical or basic research. Recipients will be expected to pursue a full-time project in clinical research during their year of supported training.

Research Focus: In selecting applications, proposals addressing CVD and Cardiometabolic disorders are encouraged. Included are proposals that address pathophysiology, molecular genetics, metabolic abnormalities leading to cardiovascular disease, hypertension, heart failure, hyperlipidemia, inflammatory mechanisms and new pathways for drug discovery. Proposals focusing on clinically relevant outcomes as a result of the metabolic syndrome, diabetes or obesity are also encouraged. Outcomes studies should focus on clinical/and or systems of care (e.g., quality improvement) interventions, and use outcomes measures of importance to both patients and society, including mortality, significant morbidity or quality of life changes, or economic effects.

Preference for one award will be given to applicants focusing on disparities of care. Despite increased attention to health disparities at the national, state and community levels, relatively little progress has been made in achieving the vision of eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities. Since the rates of cardiovascular mortality in the United States are significantly higher for these patients and this is, in fact, the leading cause of death in this demographic, innovative approaches to eliminating these disparities are critical. In an effort to encourage and support research in this area, proposals will be encouraged that focus on gender, race, geographic, and economic inequalities in cardiovascular care.

Eligibility: Anyone currently in an adult cardiology fellowship training program recognized by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association and who has the recommendation and agreement of his/her training program director and institution.

Selection: Judging will be by the ACCF/Research Fellowship Awards Committee. Criteria for selection will include:

- Scientific quality of the project;
- Relevance to the research focus as described above;
- Qualifications and commitment of the applicant; and

- The quality of the training environment.

Successful applicants may pursue this protected year of research either within or following their three years of required training. Preference will be given to individuals who:

- Will pursue clinical research training and experience directly involving patients or human subjects.
- Have had no more than two years of prior full-time research experience either in clinical or basic research.
- Will not hold another major external fellowship or salary award, (e.g., from the National Institutes of Health or the American Heart Association) during the ACCF/Merck funded year.

The Award: Four fellowships in the amount of \$70,000 each, to be used for salary support, for one year of research to begin **July 1, 2014** and run through **June 30, 2015**. The application deadline is September 23, 2013.

For more information visit: http://www.cardiosource.org/ACCF/About-ACCF/Awards-Program/Research-and-Career-Development-Awards.aspx?w_nav=Search&WT.oss=Merck%20Research%20Fellowships&WT.oss_r=37&#merck

Please let me know if I or my colleagues can help you with the application.

- Margaret Atherton

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Articles of Interest to Postdocs

- *Make This Networking Mistake And Lose Big Time* [LinkedIn] <http://www.linkedin.com/today/post/article/20130701213657-36052017-make-this-networking-mistake-and-lose-big-time?trk=eml-mktg-top10-p9>
- *The Secret to Your Success? Make Others Successful* [LinkedIn] <http://www.linkedin.com/today/post/article/20130704050742-10842349-the-secret-to-your-success-make-others-successful?trk=eml-mktg-top10-p6>
- *A Simple Rule to Eliminate Useless Meetings* [LinkedIn] <http://www.linkedin.com/today/post/article/20130701022638-22330283-a-simple-rule-to-eliminate-useless-meetings?trk=eml-mktg-top10-p1>

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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