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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 hvspostdocbenefits@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

National Postdoc Appreciation Week: September 16-20

- Postdoc Development Workshop on Sept. 18
 - Keys to Successful Grant Writing for Postdocs*
 - Wednesday, September 18, 2013, Noon-2pm
- McKnight Brain Institute DeWeese Auditorium (Room LG-101A)

Critical information and advice from experienced NIH and NSF grant reviewers

Join our panel of experts for a unique opportunity to gain valuable advice on writing successful grant proposals. The ability to secure funding is a key skill that prospective academic employers value as highly as

your publication record. The experience gained in writing a proposal, developing a budget and managing a project are all highly transferable to the private sector.

Come to this workshop and enjoy a light lunch in honor of Postdoc Appreciation Week!

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

Open Enrollment for UF Benefits

Prepare now for UF Open Enrollment for benefits. From September 2013 InfoGator from Human Resource Services:

Although the 2013 benefits Open Enrollment period is just over a month away, employees can begin preparing now by ensuring their information is up-to-date in the [myUFL system](#) by Sept. 20 and that they know their People First user IDs.

Qualtrics Workshop at the HSC Library

Please notice that although open to all UF, seating is limited. Register here:

https://training.health.ufl.edu/public_workshops_view_details.aspx?ID=757

Title: Qualtrics Basic
Date/time: October 24, 2013, 2-4 PM
Location: C2-3 (computer classroom), Health Science Center Library, Communicore Bldg.
Provider: HSC Library

This 2-hour workshop will summarize the basic procedures for creating, editing, distributing, and viewing the results of a survey. You will learn and practice the "Quick Survey Builder", edit questions, apply logic to question, and other helpful options in survey creation. Then, we will describe how to create a distribution list and how to email your survey. After that, we will open the reports, change the views and charts, download the data, and create cross tabulation tables for further analysis.

Submitted by Rolando Milian, University of Florida Health Sciences Center Library

Recommended Viewing: Top 10 List: Things Scientists Ask about Finding an Industry Job

Presentation by Joanne Kamens, NIH Office of Intramural Training & Education, on finding an industry job, with helpful information and advice for all types of job searches for postdocs:

These days, the majority of young scientists will not end up in a traditional academic research position. This presentation will give you some criteria to consider in deciding if embarking on an industry science career is right for you and then will provide concrete tools and resources for preparing for this transition.

<http://videocast.nih.gov/summary.asp?Live=12169&bhcp=1>

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Networking: The dos and don'ts

"Networking." We've heard the term dozens of times, but what does it really entail? Whether it be for professional or social purposes, networking is generally regarded as the exchange of contacts and information. It's one of the best means to enhance your interpersonal skills, meet people, and learn more about careers. In return, you become a contact to someone who may need your instrumental skills or science expertise one day.

Full Article on AAAS Site: http://membercentral.aaas.org/blogs/driving-force/networking-dos-and-donts?goback=%2Egde_51557_member_269822492#%21

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) - due November 15

I want to be sure you are aware of a number of opportunities for funding from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). I would like to know if you or any of your colleagues choose to pursue an application, and would be happy to help with it. Please also forward this note to anyone else who might be interested.

AFSP offers Suicide Research Grants in the following categories:

- **Standard Research Grants (up to \$90,000 over 2 years):** Grants awarded to individual investigators at any level.

[Standard Research Policy](#)

[Apply Now](#)

- **Linked Standard Research Grants (up to \$225,000 over 2 years):** Grants awarded to investigators at any level performing research involving three or more unique sites.

[Linked Standard Research Policy](#)

[Apply Now](#)

- **Young Investigator Grants (up to \$85,000 over 2 years):** Grants awarded to investigators at or below the level of assistant professor. These grants must allocate \$10,000 (\$5,000 per year) of their award for an established suicide researcher to mentor the Young Investigator. AFSP is available to assist you in identifying a suitable mentor.

[Young Investigator Policy](#)

[Apply Now](#)

- **Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (up to \$104,000 over 2 years):** Grants awarded to investigators who have received a Ph.D., M.D., or other doctoral degree within the preceding six years and have had no more than three years of fellowship support. Fellows receive a stipend of \$46,000 per year and an institutional allowance of \$6,000 per year.

[Postdoctoral Fellowship Policy](#)

[Apply Now](#)

- **Pilot Grants (up to \$30,000 over one or two years):** Awarded to investigators at any level, these grants provide seed funding for new projects that have the potential to lead to larger investigations. These grants typically entail feasibility studies rather than hypothesis-driven research.

[Pilot Research Policy](#)

[Apply Now](#)

Click below for a summary of allowable and non-allowable costs in each of the six categories.

[Allowable and Non-Allowable Costs](#)

Applications for Standard Research Grants are considered once each year and must be submitted by November 15th. Grants applied for by November 15th, if approved, may begin after October 1st of the following year.

For more information visit: <http://www.afsp.org/research/research-grant-information/research-grant-categories>.

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

Submitted by Margaret Atherton, matherton@ufl.edu, UF Development & Alumni Affairs

Autism Speaks - Meixner Postdoctoral Fellowship in Translational Research - LOI due Nov. 13

I want to be sure you are aware of an opportunity for funding from the Autism Speaks, for the Meixner Postdoctoral Fellowship in Translational Research. I would like to know if you or any of your colleagues choose to pursue an application, and would be happy to help with it. Please also forward this note to anyone else who might be interested.

The goal of this program is to support well-qualified postdoctoral scientists pursuing training in autism spectrum disorders (ASD) translational research. The program is open to applicants from public or private institutions working in preclinical or clinical research arenas. Successful applicants will detail a project that bridges basic laboratory research and behavioral or biomedical clinical research, and a training plan that includes mentoring in both basic and clinical research environments. Projects must have the fundamental translational research aim of accelerating the conversion of basic scientific discoveries into novel and more effective methods or products used to diagnose, prevent, or treat ASD. "Bench-to-bedside" approaches that delineate a path from preclinical models of ASD to well-defined patient populations, and "back-translational" projects that enrich the skill sets of behaviorists and clinicians through basic research on ASD biology and mechanisms of therapeutic intervention are encouraged. The results should have the potential to lead to or facilitate preclinical or clinical trials to improve outcomes for people with ASD.

A critical objective of the Translational Research Fellowship is to foster frequent and impactful communication and collaboration among basic scientists, applied researchers, and clinicians across diverse research environments from academia to industry.

Four areas of research are of the highest interest for the Translational Postdoctoral Fellowship program. See the website at http://www.autismspeaks.org/docs/sciencedocs/grants/2014_meixner_postdoctoral_fellowship_in_translational_research_rfa.pdf to learn more.

Awards

The number of fellowships Autism Speaks will award will be determined by its available financial resources and the fit of the proposed research within the Autism Speaks portfolio. Each award will be for a period of two years and will include a competitive stipend, and a \$10,000 annual allowance.

The postdoctoral fellowship stipend level will be determined by the number of years of postdoctoral experience at the time of the award to a maximum of \$61,600 per year.

Deadlines:

Letter of Intent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 8:00 p.m. (U.S. Eastern Time)

Application: Wednesday, February 5, 2014 by 8:00 pm (ET)

Letters of recommendation: Wednesday, February 5, 2014 by 8:00 pm (ET)

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

Margaret Atherton, matherton@uff.ufl.edu, UF Development & Alumni Affairs

DuPont is Hiring PhD Scientists and Engineers: Info Night at UF

DuPont info session at UF on September 16. Below are links to position announcements for which they are hiring.

PhD Info Night

When: September 16, 2013

Where: 125 Rhines Hall

Time: 6-7:pm

- [Bioengineering Positions](#) (.pdf)
- [Chemical Engineering Positions](#) (.pdf)
- [Chemistry Positions](#) (.pdf)

Funding available from the McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience

[Tenure track status required, but this may be of interest to those of you who anticipate a tenured/tenure-track position in the near future.]

THE MCKNIGHT ENDOWMENT FUND FOR NEUROSCIENCE 2014 MCKNIGHT SCHOLAR AWARDS

These awards were established to encourage emerging neuroscientists to focus on disorders of learning and memory. Applicants for the McKnight Scholar Awards must demonstrate interest in solving important problems in relevant areas of neuroscience, including the translation of basic research to clinical neuroscience. Awards are given to exceptional young scientists who hold the M.D. and/or Ph.D. degree and who are in the early stages of establishing an independent laboratory and research career. Traditionally, successful candidates have held faculty positions for at least one year. For the names of previous recipients and their projects, see www.neuroscience.mcknight.org.

Up to six McKnight Scholars each will receive three years of support, beginning July 1, 2014.

Eligibility. Applicants must have the following:

- an M.D. and/or Ph.D. degree and have completed formal postdoctoral training;
- **tenure-track status** at a U.S.-based sponsoring institution, to which awards will be paid;
- a record of meritorious research in areas pertinent to the interests of the Endowment Fund;
- no more than four years of experience in an independent/tenure-track faculty position (exceptions may be made to account for parental leave);
- evidence of a commitment to a career in neuroscience; and
- U.S. citizenship or lawful permanent resident status.

PLEASE NOTE: APPLICANTS MUST BE IN A TENURE-TRACK POSITION; RESEARCH FACULTY WITH ANNUALLY RENEWABLE CONTRACTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

Applicants may not:

- be employees of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute or scientists within the intramural program of the National Institutes of Health;
- apply in more than two rounds of competition;
- apply for continued postdoctoral support;
- be tenured already; or
- hold another McKnight award.

Amount and Purpose of Support. Each McKnight Scholar will receive \$75,000 annually in 2014, 2015, and 2016. Funds may be used in any way that will facilitate development of the Scholar's research program, but not for indirect costs.

Selection Process. A review committee will evaluate applications and invite a select few to interview with the committee. Applicants selected will be notified by March 28, 2014. The interviews are scheduled for Friday, April 25, 2014 in New York City. The committee will then recommend candidates to the Board of Directors of the Endowment Fund for final decision. Awards will be announced on or before May 17, 2014.

For application forms and guidelines, please visit our website at

www.neuroscience.mcknight.org

Completed applications must arrive no later than January 6, 2014.

The McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience
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Submitted by Karen Bradley, UF Graduate School

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 (kp pace@aa.ufl.edu) and tell me you wish to subscribe to the "postdoc info listserv."

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