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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 hrrpostdocbenefits@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 UF Grants Workshop: December 9, 10

The Office of Research is pleased to announce Grant Writing Workshops presented by Dr. Robert Porter.

Date: Monday and Tuesday December 9-10, 2013

Location: UF/IFAS Straughn Extension Center ([map](#)).

These workshops are free for participants and open to all UF faculty, staff, and students by first-come, first-served registration.

Online registration is required by Friday, November 15.

Participants may [register for any or all of the following sessions](#):

Monday, December 9, 2013, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM: Writing Successful Grants.

Monday, December 9, 2013, 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM: Strategies for Success in Sponsored Research

Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM: Building the NEH (National Endowment for the Humanities) Grant Proposal

Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM: Career Development Grants for Pre- and Postdocs

For full descriptions of each of these workshops and the overall program, please [visit this site](#).

To register by November 15, [please visit this site](#).

Please note: Participants will be required to fill out a workshop evaluation and participate in a review exchange pool after the workshops - committing to reviewing proposals or parts of proposals for their fellow participants in the future, and having access to this service themselves.

For question, please contact Jenn Hubbs hubbsj@ufl.edu

Submitted by the Office of Research

Postdoc Development Workshop: October 30

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Noon-2pm

McKnight Brain Institute Conference Room (LG-110 A/B)

How to get the most out of your postdoc experience by developing your skills as a mentor and mentee.

Guest Workshop Speaker: Dr. Lorraine Tracey

Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Postdoctoral Association

Refreshments will be served.

New Postdoc Orientation Videos Available

Video recordings from the September 24 New Postdoc Orientation are now available. Links to the videos on YouTube are on the NPO site:

<http://postdoc.aa.ufl.edu/npo>

All new postdocs are encouraged to review the materials from the Orientation if you were not able to attend.

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[OTL Commercialization Series: Hear About Potential Collaboration Opportunities With Siemens](#)

The new OTL Commercialization Series, featuring speakers from industries looking to partner with UF researchers, will host Dr. Navin Manjoran, Global Director (CRM) Energy of Siemens AG, 3:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 17 at the Florida Innovation Hub. Learn more about "Driving Collaborations with Siemens," a global powerhouse in electronics and electrical engineering, operating in the industry, energy, healthcare, and infrastructure and cities sectors. [Please register in advance as space is limited.](#)

[Information flyer](#) (.pdf)

Submitted by the Office of Technology Licensing

Write a Grant, Start a Company, Create Your Own Job

Are you a student or postdoc looking for an alternative to the academic job market? Why not create your own job? Register for this workshop and learn how a federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant can help you move your innovation from the lab to the marketplace. Hear from successful SBIR applicants an information session from 4 pm to 5 pm [Monday, Nov. 18](#) at the [Florida Innovation Hub at UF](#). Please register in advance. Save the date for a full-day workshop on Dec. 3; \$50 includes lunch ([register and read more information here](#)). SBIR ([Small Business Innovation Research](#)) is a federal program administered by 11 agencies for the purpose of helping to provide early-stage research and development funding to small technology companies.

[Information Flyer](#) (.pdf)

Submitted by the Office of Technology Licensing

UF Short-Courses (non-credit) for Biotech Careers

For those currently looking for a job, we have partnered with FloridaWorks to offer these courses at no cost. There is a bit of paperwork to complete, and the following requirements:

- 18 years of age and older and;
- U.S Citizen or authorized to work in the U.S and;
- If employed, making less than \$25/hr and;
- Registered with Selective Service (males born after January 1st 1960)

For anyone interested, please have them contact me Tammy Mandell tmandell@cerhb.ufl.edu or Kelly Hough khough@floridaworksonline.com.

[Course Descriptions with Dates](#) (.pdf)

Submitted by Tamara Mandell, Center of Excellent for Regenerative Health Biotechnology

Call for Proposals in the Humanities at UF - 2014-2015

[The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere](#) is pleased to announce its call for proposals for 2014-2015. These funding programs will be supported by the

Robert and Margaret Rothman Endowment for the Humanities, the Humanities Fund, and the Tedder Endowed Research Award in the Humanities. The Center encourages proposal submissions from faculty (and, in relevant instances, graduate students) from disciplines across the humanities at the University of Florida.

Brief program descriptions are below. For more information, see:

<http://www.humanities.ufl.edu/proposals.html>

Library Enhancement Program in the Humanities (deadline 6 December 2013)

This grant program allows faculty to expand the existing University of Florida library collections in areas in and related to the humanities that are currently underserved. Resources may include print, digital, or audio-visual media that enhance scholarly research and teaching in the humanities as well as related disciplines.

Interdisciplinary Team-Teaching in the Humanities (deadline 10 January 2014)

The Center has sponsored this program in conjunction with the University of Florida Honors Program to encourage faculty members in different departments and colleges to collaborate in the classroom. Faculty members will thereby have the opportunity to create innovative undergraduate interdisciplinary courses and graduate seminars in the humanities, many of which would be difficult or impossible for a single faculty member to teach independently.

Tedder Family Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities (deadline 10 January 2014)

The Center for the Humanities & the Public Sphere, with the support of the Tedder Family Endowed Research Award in the Humanities, is continuing for a third year its competition for UF doctoral candidates working on humanities topics who have passed their qualifying exams by the application deadline.

Support for Workshops and Speaker Series in the Humanities (deadline 24 January 2014)

In order to support some of the best and most exciting work taking place within the humanities and to build bridges between the humanities and related fields, the Center sponsors collaborative exchanges between faculty and students by supporting workshops and speaker series that promote interdisciplinary themes and highlight faculty and graduate student achievements.

Rothman Summer Fellowships in the Humanities (deadline 14 February 2014)

With the objective of supporting faculty to advance their careers, the Center will once again offer fellowships to UF faculty in the humanities in summer 2014. These grants will allow recipients to make significant progress on existing creative/research projects, as well engage in significant professional development or develop a new collaborative project.

Submitted by Sophia Krzys Acord, Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere

Preserving Research (from The Scientist)

The top online archives for storing your unpublished findings

[Complete Article in The Scientist](#)

The New Science of Who Sits Where at Work (WSJ)

Companies Try to Boost Productivity by Micromanaging Seating Arrangements.

[Complete article in the Wall Street Journal](#)

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."

Submitted by Kim Pace, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

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