

# Postdoctoral Update

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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](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](mailto: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.

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## Recorded Grant Writing Workshops

Last week, our office brought Dr. Robert Porter of GrantWinners Seminars to speak at UF for three 3-hour workshop sessions:

1. Writing Successful Grants: Session 1, Day 1
2. Strategies for Success in Sponsored Research: Session 2, Day 1
3. Building the NEH ([National Endowment for the Humanities](#)) Grant Proposal: Session 3, first session of Day 2
4. Career Development Grants for Pre- and Postdocs: Session 4, second session of Day 2

Many of your colleges' faculty, staff, and students participated, both in person and online. We are pleased to offer recordings of these sessions, available at the following URL:

<http://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/Mediasite/Catalog/Full/8785f50411fa4d31a37c6aa03f9421fe21>

Please be aware that there are some periods of silence during group work.

Those who require a copies of the handouts for any/all sessions may request them by emailing Jenn Hubbs at [hubbsj@ufl.edu](mailto:hubbsj@ufl.edu) with their name, on-campus PO box, and which session(s) they are interested in.

We also welcome feedback via email.

*Submitted by Jenn Hubbs, Office of Research*

## University of Florida Directory of Health Disparities Researchers: First Edition Launched

TO: Faculty, Post-docs, and Graduate/Medical Students at UF in Gainesville and Jacksonville

FROM: Carolyn M. Tucker, Ph.D., Director, UF Health Disparities Research and Intervention Program

The National Institutes of Health and other grant funding institutes and foundations are increasingly providing funds for interdisciplinary research to address health disparities. In an effort to facilitate the development of interdisciplinary health disparities research partnerships at the University of Florida, the UF Health Disparities Research and Intervention Program has launched the UF Directory of Health Disparities Researchers (UF-DHDR). The UF-DHDR includes the names, contact information, and research foci of faculty, post-docs, graduate/medical students, and staff at the University of Florida who are currently conducting health disparities research.

The first edition of the UF-DHDR can be downloaded [here](#). The directory will be updated each fall and spring semester. If you would like to be included in future editions of the directory, please complete the UF-DHDR [Information Form](#).

Questions regarding the directory should be addressed to the UF-DHDR editors: Dr. Carolyn M. Tucker ([cmtucker@ufl.edu](mailto:cmtucker@ufl.edu)) and Dr. Tya M. Arthur ([tmartthur@ufl.edu](mailto:tmartthur@ufl.edu)).

*Submitted by Rebecca Richko, Department of Psychology*

## NSF and NASA Funded Programs for Students

NSF and NASA have announced funding and research opportunities for post-docs, graduate students, and undergraduate students in a variety of STEM disciplines. Please share this information with faculty, post-docs, graduate students, and undergraduate students in your department

Click on the hyperlinks below or see the program flyer

(<http://www.ibparticipation.org/pdf/REUGRADflyer.pdf>) for more details.

For Undergraduates:

<http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/Undergrads.asp>

Paid Summer 2014 Undergrad Research Opportunities:

More than 650 programs - REU and other summer research opportunities for undergrads

For Financial Support in Graduate School:

<http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/Grad.asp>

Bridge to the Doctorate, IGERT and NSF Grad Research Fellowship programs provide generous stipend and tuition support for students through the National Science Foundation.

For Postdoc opportunities:

[http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/Postdocs\\_portal.asp](http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/Postdocs_portal.asp)

More than 250 openings nationwide.

For NASA-supported internships, fellowships and scholarships: <http://intern.nasa.gov/>

*Submitted by the Office of the Provost*

## Postdoctoral Fellow: Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, UF College of Medicine

The Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology at the University of Florida, College of Medicine, invites applications for a non-tenure appointment at the Postdoctoral Fellow level. The highly motivated individual will join an expanding laboratory group to study the mechanism by which activation of the dsRNA-dependent kinase (PKR) may directly cause the ineffective hematopoiesis observed in bone marrow failure disorders such as Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS). The successful candidate will design and perform research directed toward determining how PKR-dependent signal transduction regulates the cell cycle and initiates apoptosis following cellular stress in hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells using both cell culture and mouse models. Ideal candidates will have a keen interest in the field and experience in molecular biology including standard cell culture techniques, protein isolation, western blotting and flow cytometry. In addition, preference will be given to those candidates that have experience working with mice. It is expected that the successful applicant will participate in planning experiments under supervision of the PI and senior laboratory personnel, present data in weekly laboratory meetings and at relevant annual national and international meetings, assist in the preparation of grants and research papers for publication and serve as a resource to teach techniques and data analysis to students. Candidates with a Ph.D. and/or M.D. and relevant postdoctoral experience should either send their curriculum vitae, names of three references, and a brief description of research interests to: Dr. W. Stratford May, MD, PhD, Department of Medicine, University of Florida, College of Medicine, P.O. Box 100278 Gainesville, FL 32610-3610, email the requested documentation to (Email: [smay@medicine.ufl.edu](mailto:smay@medicine.ufl.edu)). Review of applications will begin immediately, with search committee determinations beginning circa January 10, 2014.

*Submitted by the Deborah Burgess, Department of Molecular Genetics & Microbiology*

## Ataxia-Telangiectasia (A-T) Children's Project

[Research Grant Program and Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)

The A-T Children's Project provides competitive awards for basic science, translational and clinical research grants related to ataxia-telangiectasia. **One and two-year projects are funded up to a maximum total direct cost of \$75,000 per year.** No administrative overhead or fixed costs are supported. In giving these grant awards, the Project strives to assist respected scientists in developing a clearer understanding of ataxia-telangiectasia. Scientific excellence and relevance to A-T are the paramount criteria used to select supported research projects. Junior investigators, scientists in related disciplines, and individuals with innovative new ideas for A-T research are particularly encouraged to apply for grants, as are

laboratories and teams working together from industry as well as teaching universities.

Consistent with the urgency felt by all families impacted by this disease, the A-TCP's current focus is on funding innovative research strategies that look at A-T in new ways and that include a clear "yes" or "no" answer to the hypotheses rather than merely defining a mechanism. Highest priority is given to projects that, while drawing on basic discoveries, include creative strategies for suggesting and evaluating specific disease-modifying and symptomatic interventions.

### [Research Grant Guidelines](#)

The A-T Children's Project accepts grant applications for up to \$75,000 for March 1 and September 1 deadlines each year.

### [Post Doctoral Fellowship Award](#)

Postdocs with one year experience or less post degree are eligible and must be nominated for this award by their principal investigator (PI). Any interested PI who would like to nominate a new postdoc for the A-T Post Doctoral Fellowship Award must send a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the A-T Children's Project. The level of funding will be in the range of US\$30,000-\$40,000 per year for two years.

Applications are due March 1 and September 1.

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

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*Submitted by Margaret Atherton, UF Foundation, Inc.*

### **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](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](mailto:kpace@aa.ufl.edu)) and tell me you wish to subscribe to the "postdoc info listserv."

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