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Office of Postdoctoral Affairs



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Important Information re: Postdoc Insurance:

If you have questions about benefits enrollment or eligibility, please contact UF's [Human Resource Services'](#) GA and Post Doc Associate Benefits Office at hrspostdocbenefits@admin.ufl.edu or (352) 392-0003.

Workshop: Developing a Great Teaching Statement

Come to the next Postdoc Workshop to learn how to develop a great teaching statement!

November 5, 2:30pm, McKnight Brain Institute Conference Room (LG-110 A/B)

At the next Postdoc Development Workshop Dr. Kevin Folta will provide postdocs with the keys to writing effective teaching statements.

Refreshments will be served

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Postdoc Mentoring Awards 2014-15

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to announce the continuation of the Postdoctoral Mentoring Awards for outstanding mentors of UF postdocs. The mentoring awards were established to encourage and reward excellence, innovation and effectiveness in the mentoring of UF postdocs.

Information about past winners and the application for the 2015 award are available on the postdoc Website: postdoc.aa.ufl.edu/mentoring-awards

Please encourage your outstanding mentors to apply for this award.

If you wish to nominate an outstanding faculty mentor for this award, please contact Kim Pace (kpace@aa.ufl.edu) with the faculty member's contact information. I will send an email to encourage them to apply for the award.

Deadline for application is November 30, 2014.

Submitted by Kim Pace in the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Transitioning from the Bench to Industry: Oct. 28

Keck Graduate Institute (KGI) will present a comprehensive view of the Life Sciences/Biotech Industries and what science postdocs can do to prepare themselves for these exciting career opportunities.

October 28

4:00pm

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

[Information Flyer \(.pdf\)](#)

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

URGENT: Request for Science Fair Judges!

Dear Judges,

Many of you have already been able to respond to my calls for school level science fair judges, and if you have, **THANK YOU SO MUCH!!** Because of your generosity, we have been able to fill the slots at four of the ten participating schools. I will be emailing your confirmation packets for these fairs just as soon as I am able.

However, I still have 90 slots left to fill at the other six schools, and time is running short! Our first fair is only FOUR WEEKS from tomorrow, and at this fair alone we still need to fill 26 slots.

If you would like to judge, but haven't yet been able to register, it would be wonderful if you could take a look at the attached registration to see if any of the remaining fairs will work for you. If you are able to judge, please complete the registration form and email it back to me. I will let you know if you are confirmed at each school once I have received your registration.

Many thanks for your kind consideration. Your support is most valuable; indeed, these fairs would not be possible without our volunteer judges! You are appreciated!

With all best wishes,
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[Science Fair Judge Registration Form \(.docx\)](#)

Submitted by Pam Fitzgerald, Alachua County Public Schools

Empowering Women In Tech Startups Spring Session Open for Applications

Consider yourself invited to what could be one of the most empowering programs of your life: the Spring session of the [Empowering Women in Tech Startups \(eWiTS\)](#) program. This experiential learning program provides women with entrepreneurial skills and builds confidence. If you already know you'd like to apply, [fill out an application here](#).

Learn more at an information session from 3 pm to 5 pm at the Innovation Hub. Please register for just one of the three sessions to ensure we have adequate food and drink.

- [Nov. 18](#)
- [Dec. 11](#)
- [Jan. 13](#)

[eWiTS Information Flyer \(.pdf\)](#)

Submitted by Meghan Meyer, Office of Technology Licensing

Improve Your Public Speaking Skills Through the Talking Gators Toastmasters Club

The Talking Gators Toastmasters club meets on campus every Tuesday from 5:45-6:45pm in 1031 of the Entomology Building. Toastmasters helps members improve their public speaking skills in a very supportive, encouraging environment. The Talking Gators Toastmasters club is open to anyone in the community, but many members are UF affiliated.

More information is available on the Talking Gators Website:

<http://talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org/>

Submitted by Anchalee Phataralaoha, UF Academic Technology

UF Panel on Violence Prevention and Resources

Thursday, October 23, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Smathers Library, Room 100

Free and open to the public

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Advocates from the community will present information and share resources to students, faculty and staff regarding violence prevention. Join representatives from Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network, Sexual Trauma/Interpersonal Violence Education (STRIVE) from GatorWell, Alachua County Office of Victim Services, University Police Department and Gainesville Police Department. Topics will include the following:

- How intimate partner violence (IPV) and sexual assault impacts the lives of individuals on campus in our community
- What resources are available through agencies
- How to contact the agencies for services

Co-sponsored by the George A. Smathers Libraries

Submitted by Barbara Hood, George A. Smathers Libraries

Accessibility Guide for UF faculty, students and the public

The George A. Smathers Libraries have a new guide, **Accessibility, A Libguide about accessibility for faculty, students and the general public** located at <http://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/c.php?g=118204>. This guide offers insight into services for users with disabilities that are accessible at the Libraries and other campus locations. It also provides information about organizations, news, events, tools, apps and much more, both on and off campus.

Submitted by Barbara Hood, George A. Smathers Libraries

Clinical Translational Aging Research Seminar: Oct. 27

mtDNA variants, activity energy expenditure and age-related Health Outcomes

Presented by Dr. Todd Manini

Monday, October 27, 1:00pm

Room 2161 Clinical Translational Research Building (CTRB)

Lunch Provided

[Seminar Flyer](#) (.pdf)

Submitted by Christy Carter, Department of Aging and Geriatric Research, College of Medicine

Call for Proposals for UF Humanities Center 2015-16 Funding Programs

The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere is pleased to announce its

call for proposals for 2015-2016. The Center encourages proposal submissions from faculty (and, in relevant instances, graduate students and staff) from disciplines across the humanities at the University of Florida.

- **Library Enhancement Program in the Humanities (deadline 5 December 2014)**
Grants of \$1,500-5,000 allow faculty and graduate students to expand UF library collections in areas in and related to the humanities.
- **Interdisciplinary Team-Teaching in the Humanities (deadline 9 January 2015)**
Department incentives and course development funds of \$1,500 enable faculty teams to create innovative undergraduate interdisciplinary courses and graduate seminars.
- **Tedder Family Doctoral Fellowships and Rothman Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities (deadline 16 January 2015)**
Awards of \$2,000 support doctoral candidates in their dissertation research and writing activities.
- **Support for Workshops and Speaker Series in the Humanities (deadline 23 January 2015)**
Grants of up to \$5,000 can be used to plan workshops and speaker series that promote interdisciplinary themes in and linked to the humanities.
- **Rothman Faculty Summer Fellowships in the Humanities (deadline 13 February 2015)**
Awards of \$1,500-\$3,000 support faculty in a variety of summer research activities.
- **Programs in the Public Humanities (deadline Statement of Intent, 13 February 2015; Final Proposal, 13 March 2015)**
Grants of up to \$3,000 encourage collaborations between UF and off-campus individuals/groups in planning humanities initiatives that engage the public in thoughtful and informed dialogues.

For more information about these funding programs, and to learn more about past awardees, visit: <http://www.humanities.ufl.edu/proposals.html>

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

Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD) - funding opportunity - due 11/14/14

Our office wanted to be sure you are aware of an opportunity for funding from the [Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration \(AFTD\)](#). If you or any of your colleagues choose to pursue an application, please let me know -- I would be happy to help with it. Please also forward this note to anyone else who might be interested.

AFTD Postdoctoral Research Fellowship - \$110,000 over two years

The AFTD Postdoctoral Research Fellowship is designed to foster basic, translational, clinical and/or epidemiological FTD research by an outstanding scientist at an early stage of his or her career. Applicants must have a PhD, MD or MD/PhD and be engaged in research at an academic institution, teaching hospital or research institute in their first, second or third year of postdoctoral training at the start of the fellowship term. The

AFTD will award a two-year fellowship at \$ 55,000 per year. The funds are provided to cover the postdoctoral stipend and benefits. Remaining funds may be used for travel to scientific meetings and/or research expenses.

Letter of Intent (LOI) Due: November 14, 2014

For more information, visit: http://www.theaftd.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/AFTDfellowship-RFP-2014_Final.pdf

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

Margaret Friend | Director of Development

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Submitted by Margaret Friend, UFHealth Office of Development

RFP -- United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Merck Science Initiative -- up to \$92,000 -- due 12/2/14

Our office wanted to be sure you are aware of an opportunity for funding from The United Negro College Fund*Merck Science Initiative. If you or any of your colleagues choose to pursue an application, please let me know -- I would be happy to help with it. Please also forward this note to anyone else who might be interested.

United Negro College Fund

UNCF Merck Postdoctoral Science Research Fellowships

Up to \$92,000

These fellowships are a component of the *UNCF•Merck Science Initiative*, the goal of which is to support the training and development of world-class African American biomedical research scientists. At least 10 *UNCF•Merck Postdoctoral Science Research Fellowships* will be awarded per year.

The postdoctoral Fellowship Stipend of up to \$77,000 is intended to support the award recipient for a minimum period of 12 months and up to a maximum period of 24 months of fellowship tenure. A maximum of \$55,000 may be received in any 12 month period. A grant of up to \$15,000 will be given to the Fellow and is intended to support the research of the Fellow.

To be considered for the UNCF•Merck Postdoctoral Fellowship award, an applicant must be:

- African American (Black)
- A Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral degree recipient in the life or physical

sciences by the end of academic year 2014-2015

- Appointed as a new or continuing postdoctoral fellow during the 2015 calendar year at an academic or non-academic research institution in the United States. Private industrial laboratories are excluded. The postdoctoral appointment must be for a minimum of 12 months up to a maximum of 24 months.
- A citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

More information:

<http://umsi.uncf.org/applyonline/postdoctoralinstructions>

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

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Submitted by Kim Kruse, UF Development & Alumni Affairs

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

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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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