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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.

Core Concepts in Biomanufacturing and Quality Systems: Applications of cGMPs

Created in response to industry demand for employees who understand the practices and nuances of working in a regulated industry, this course provides

future or current employees a comprehensive and applied understanding of how regulatory compliance is built into all aspects of a company. Using a blend of hands-on applications and lectures, course instructors integrate current Good Manufacturing Practices with core concepts of the manufacturing processes, facilities, quality systems, and documentation to build a solid understanding of the development, manufacture, testing, and release-for-sale of a regulated product.

DATES: December 8-11, 2014

TIME: Monday/Wednesday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., & Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For postdocs, please select "pay by check" and enter \$75 per TM in the "Comments" section when registering. We can then send a link to pay by credit card (if preferred) at the reduced rate.

<https://xms.dce.ufl.edu/reg/groups/CERHB/course.aspx?c=7230>

Anyone with questions is welcome to contact me! tmandell@cerhb.ufl.edu or 386-462-6397.

Submitted by Tammy Mandell, UF CERHB Education and Training Center

Awards for Aging Research

The purpose of these awards is to increase students' scholarly investigation and research on issues related to older adults and the aging process. Students are encouraged to examine any topic within the fields of gerontology and geriatrics, broadly defined.

Who is Eligible? Undergraduate students, Graduate students, or Professional Students (including medical residents or postdoctoral students) enrolled or working at the University of Florida for at least one term between January, 2014 and Spring, 2015.

How do I Submit? Send papers by February 6, 2015 to Dr. Christy Carter at cartercs@ufl.edu. All papers should be submitted by email.

[More information](#) (.pdf)

Submitted by Christy Carter, Institute on Aging, College of Medicine

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.

■ Dec. 11

■ Jan. 13

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

Submitted by Meghan Meyer, Office of Technology Licensing

Uncertain Actions, Inexperienceable Evidence: Towards New Practices of the Future

Wendy Chun (Brown University)

4 December 2014, 5:30 pm, Smathers Library (East) 100, UF Campus

According to philosopher Immanuel Kant, the motto of the Enlightenment is: Sapere aude—have the courage to use your own understanding. The assumption of this motto is that enlightenment is inevitable, once the public is free. This belief that the search for truth will set you free—that true knowledge leads to virtuous, collective actions—has been called into question over and over again, most recently by phenomena such as global climate change (not simply in terms of the continuing debate over its existence, but also by the temporality of climate predictions: by the time these models can be verified, it will be too late to act). Furthermore, our classic theories of causality are being challenged by a growing interest in Big Data, which emphasizes correlation rather than causality in order to make predictions about the future. Rather than bemoan this situation, this talk uses the example of global climate change models to argue for an alliance between scientists and humanities scholars in order to answer the hard questions about the relationship between theory and practice—between truth, reality, and action—that face us all.

Wendy Chun is Professor and Chair of Modern Culture and Media at Brown University. She has studied both Systems Design Engineering and English Literature, which she combines and mutates in her current work on digital media. She is author of *Control and Freedom: Power and Paranoia in the Age of Fiber Optics* (MIT, 2006), and *Programmed Visions: Software and Memory* (MIT 2011); she is co-editor (with Tara McPherson and Patrick Jagoda) of a special issue of *American Literature* entitled *New Media and American Literature*, co-editor (with Lynne Joyrich) of a special issue of *Camera Obscura* entitled “Race and/as Technology”, and co-editor (with Thomas Keenan) of *New Media, Old Media: A History and Theory Reader* (Routledge, 2005). She is currently a Visiting Professor at Leuphana University (Luneburg, Germany). She has been a Member of the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton), a fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard, and a Wriston Fellow at Brown, as well as a visiting associate professor in the History of Science Department at Harvard, of which she is currently an Associate. She is working on a monograph entitled *Imagined Networks*.

- This event is free and open to the public.
- For more information, contact humanities-center@ufl.edu.

Submitted by Timothy Blanton, Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere

American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering Postdocs - application due Dec. 5

I want to be sure that you are aware of a funding opportunity from the American

Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE). Please forward this note to anyone else who might be interested. If you or any of your colleagues choose to pursue an application, please let me know -- I would be happy to help with it.

The application is due December 5.

The AIMBE Scholars Program enables distinguished postdoctorates in the medical and biomedical engineering fields to serve as expert advisors to policymakers at the FDA. AIMBE Scholars work side-by-side with the most influential decision makers in Washington. Scholars inform public policy through their knowledge of the latest cutting-edge research and technological innovations. Scholars receive training about the federal policy process (including budget, regulatory, and grant processes) and build relationships with key government stakeholders. AIMBE facilitates the Scholars experience throughout the program year. Some biomedical engineers participating in the AIMBE Scholars Program return to their academic, faculty, or industry careers-with greater understanding of the connections between public policy and translational science-while others go on to build new careers in public policy.

Applicants to the AIMBE Scholars Program **must hold a PhD-level degree in biomedical or biological engineering or a related field, be a U.S. citizen, and have an excellent record of achievement.** Dissertations must be successfully defended by June 20, 2015 and degrees conferred by August 31, 2015 to participate.

Program Details

The AIMBE Scholars Program is a highly competitive program, consisting of one-year immersion experiences from September 1 to August 31 in the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) within the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The program includes an [orientation to public policy](#), as well as bi-monthly professional development seminars with guest speakers.

Track 1: AIMBE

Candidates that require funding from AIMBE to complete the program may apply for a yearly stipend of \$70,000, plus allowances for moving expenses to Washington and attendance at scientific conferences throughout the program-year. Stipend payments continue while the Scholar remains in the program. This funding option is most suited to early-career candidates within 10 years of receipt of their Ph.D.

Track 2: Sponsoring Institution

Candidates with sponsorship from an eligible institution shall indicate the source of sponsorship in the application.

For more information, go to <http://aimbe.org/scholars-program/> .

Please let me know if I or my colleagues can be of assistance.

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Reminder: University of Florida Postdocs on Facebook and LinkedIn

Join this [Facebook group](https://www.facebook.com/UFPostdocs) 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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