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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 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.

Keck Graduate Institute Information Session for Postdocs at UF: February 27

Careers in the Life Sciences/Biotechnology

by Christopher Bell, Assistant Director of Admissions

Keck Graduate Institute

Date: February 27th

Time: 5:30pm

Location: McKnight Brain Institute Auditorium (DeWeese Auditorium)

Discussion Topics:

- What is the Life Sciences Industry?
- Recent Changes and Dominant Factors in Industry
- Why the Industry Needs You
- Industry Careers: Function Areas
- Networking and Industry Affiliations

Keck Graduate Institute (KGI) will present a comprehensive view of the Life Sciences/Biotech Industries and what Postdocs can do to prepare themselves for these exciting career opportunities. Also, attendees will learn about summer programs that can help bridge the gap between a life in academia and a career in industry. For more information on KGI, please visit www.kgi.edu.

Save the Date: Postdoc Research Symposium on April 21

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to offer the second annual Postdoc Research Symposium scheduled for Monday, April 21. Competition for prizes in Oral and Poster presentations will be available to all UF postdocs. The event will begin at 8am at Emerson Alumni Hall. Lunch will be provided. More details and registration information will be available later.

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Tax Information and Filing Assistance

Information about filing taxes for 2013 income has been updated on the OPA Tax Information Web page: <http://postdoc.aa.ufl.edu/tax-info> For those who made less than \$52,000 in 2013 and need help with their taxes, the UF Law School provides VITA services:

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance):

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is the free income tax assistance for those making \$52,000 or less in 2013. Go to the IRS site (<http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Free-Tax-Return-Preparation-for-You-by-Volunteers>) search Gainesville to find a VITA site near you.

VITA services are provided at the **UF Law School** every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5-9 p.m. VITA is located in the Student Organization Room - 209 Bruton-Geer Hall. They are preparing returns until mid to late March and provide service on a first come, first serve basis - no appointments. ***VITA at UF will be closed for UF Spring Break (March 3-7, 2014) ***

Free Tax Prep software information for international tax filing is emailed out from the UF International Center to assist international scholars.

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Grantsmanship Workshops on April 29 and 30

To promote grantsmanship skills and to help improve success in securing extramural funding, I am pleased to announce that the IFAS Dean for Research office will once again be hosting a grantsmanship workshop this spring. The workshop will include a full-day seminar ("Writing Winning Grants;" April 29) and a half-day seminar ("NSF CAREER Award;" April 30), both hosted by Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops, LLC.

The full-day "Write Winning Grants" seminar comprehensively addresses both practical and conceptual aspects that are important to the proposal-writing process. It is designed for faculty members who have had some exposure to writing grant applications, either through training, mentoring, or personal experience. The half-day "NSF CAREER Award" seminar is focused on teaching how to apply for the CAREER Award, which can be a distinguishing accomplishment in the career of an assistant professor. Both workshops will be presented by Dr. Peg AtKisson, who has averaged \$10-\$12 million a year in successful grant applications to many different federal agencies and private foundations. She has been teaching grantsmanship seminars since 2008.

Registration and eligibility

IFAS Faculty and IFAS Post-doctoral Scientists: The primary audience of this workshop are faculty and post-doctoral scientists, and the presentations and materials are strongly targeted toward that audience. Registration is complimentary for all IFAS faculty and IFAS post-doctoral scientists.

Non-IFAS faculty and Post-doctoral Scientists: Registration is open to all University of Florida faculty and post-docs. Registration fees for non-IFAS participants will be \$225 for the full-day seminar and \$175 for the half-day seminar and will include attendance, conference materials, and meals.

NOTE: All logistics and registration details will be handled by the UF/IFAS Office of Conferences and Institutes. Please direct questions to Sharon Borneman by email: spb@ufl.edu or by phone: 352-392-5930.

Space is limited, so register as soon as possible to guarantee your space.

Date(s) and Location:

“Writing Winning Grants”

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

J Wayne Reitz Union - Grand Ballroom

7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

“NSF CAREER Award”

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

J Wayne Reitz Union - Grand Ballroom

7:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Important Registration information:

- The registration deadline is April 14, 2014
- Registration site: <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/grant14/index.htm>

Posted in the Office of Research Funding Newsletter

2014 UF Faculty Senate-sponsored Distinguished Professor Lectures

"Bhopal-- a Tale of Technology, Tragedy, and Travesty"

Ranga Narayanan

Bonnie and Fred Edie Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering

Monday, February 17, 2014

4:00pm

Emerson Alumni Hall

[Event Flyer](#) (.pdf)

Round Table Discussion: "What is scholarship?"

Facilitator: Mike Foley; Discussants: Joe Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, David Guzick, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs, and Jack Payne, IFAS Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources

Monday, February 24, 2014

4:00pm

Emerson Alumni Hall

Both events will be both streamed and archived with links at the UF Senate web site: <http://www.senate.ufl.edu>

Submitted by Marc Heft, UF Faculty Senate

Reminder: University of Florida Postdocs on Facebook and LinkedIn

Join this [Facebook group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/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 (kpace@aa.ufl.edu) and tell me you wish to subscribe to the "postdoc info listserv."

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