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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. For further details about GatorCare in general, please visit <http://gatorcare.org>.

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.

Please note that GatorCare is not available to Adjunct Post Docs or Adjunct Clinical Post Docs.

Call for Abstracts and Registration for UF Postdoc Research Symposium on April 21

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to announce the second annual Postdoctoral Research Symposium on Monday, April 21 at Emerson Alumni Hall. The event will take place from 8am - 3pm. A schedule for the Symposium is available on the Symposium website:

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

The theme for this year's Symposium is "Communicating Your Research". Postdocs in both oral and poster presentations will be judged on how well they can convey their research to lay audiences. [Communication Skills](#) is one of the six [Core Competencies](#) the [National Postdoctoral Association](#) promotes as critical to postdoc success.

UF Postdocs are invited to compete in either the Oral Presentations competition or Poster Presentations competition. All poster presentations will be judged on the day of the Symposium. Oral presentations will be pre-judged, with the top 12 presentations presented and judged on the day of the Symposium.

To submit your abstract and be considered for judging, please register on this site by **March 17**:

<https://connect.ufl.edu/aa/Collaboration/PostDoc/Lists/Research%20Symposium/Item/newifs.aspx>

If you wish to attend and not compete for a poster or oral presentation prize, please RSVP here: <https://pd-symposium-2014.eventbrite.com/> **Deadline: April 15, 2014**

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Postdoc Social: Friday, Feb. 28

Next postdoc social will be Friday, February 28, 7:30pm at [Boca Fiesta](#) (232 SE 1st Street, Gainesville). Come join other UF postdocs at this casual get-together!

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eWiTS Kicks Off Next Month!

We are excited to announce that the third program of Empowering Women in Technology Startups (eWiTS) will kick off this Spring! The program strives to introduce women to entrepreneurial skills necessary in creating companies. We will be hosting two informational sessions on [March 4th](#) and [March 18th](#) at the Innovation Hub for those interested in learning more about the program.

[More information \(.pdf\)](#)

Submitted by Sarah Gravina, Office of Technology Licensing

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.

RecSports offers free trial to UF faculty and staff during UF spring break

The University of Florida Department of Recreational Sports (RecSports) offers memberships to UF faculty, staff and affiliates such as UF Health employees. These membership programs are also available to spouses and partners with valid Gator 1 Cards. Facilities accessed through membership include Southwest Recreation Center and Student Recreation and Fitness Center. The department offers payroll deduction payment options to eligible staff on 12-month membership plans and discounts for group or joint registration.

RecSports will be offering free trial access to all UF faculty, staff, affiliates and spouses/partners with valid Gator 1 Cards for the facilities, dates and times listed below.

Monday, March 3, 10 am - 10 pm, Southwest Recreation Center
Tuesday, March 4, 10am- 10pm, Student Recreation and Fitness Center
Wednesday, March 5, 10 am - 10 pm, Southwest Recreation Center
Thursday, March 6, 10am-10pm, Student Recreation and Fitness Center
Friday, March 7, 10 am - 10 pm, Southwest Recreation Center

Orientations and tours are also available by request.

For more information on faculty and staff membership options call 352-273-2436 or visit <http://www.recsports.ufl.edu/about/membership-services/faculty-staff-uf-affiliates/>

Submitted by Andy Howard, Department of Recreational Sports

U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF) Prof. Rahamimoff Travel Grants Program for Young Scientists

The United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF) promotes scientific relations between the U.S. and Israel by supporting collaborative research projects in a wide area of basic and applied scientific fields, for peaceful and non-profit purposes.

The Prof. Rahamimoff Travel Grants Program for Young Scientists supports this goal by providing monetary travel assistance (a \$4,000 travel grant) to PhD students and post-doctoral fellows in the U.S. to visit a research facility or institution of higher education in Israel that will provide them with access to facilities or expertise not available to them in the United States. The program also supports young Israeli researchers making a trip to the United States.

The University of Florida may submit a maximum of FIVE (5) applications to the program.

Interested applicants should review the program website carefully and provide a CV and an internal Letter of Intent (LOI; [click here for guidelines](#)) indicating the proposed dates of travel, consent of the applicant's University of Florida research supervisor, and the name, field, and institution of the proposed host scientist in Israel, no later than February 26, 2014, to the UF Office of Research (Attn: Jeevan Jyot, limitedprograms@research.ufl.edu).

Applications are due to BSF by April 10, 2014,

For more information, including a link to the full solicitation, please visit:

<http://my.research.ufl.edu/Applications/FundingOpportunities/ArticleDetail.aspx?id=35570>

Submitted by Jeevan Jyot, UF Office of Research

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."

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