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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.

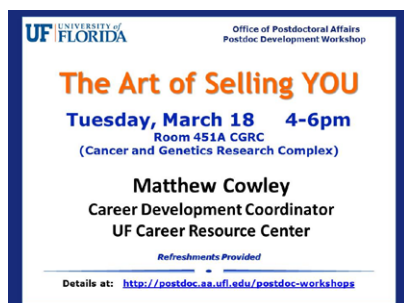
UF Postdocs are invited to compete in either the Oral Presentations competition or Poster Presentations competition. All poster presentations will be judged on the day of the Symposium. Oral presentations will be pre-judged, with the top 12 presentations presented and judged on the day of the Symposium.

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



The Art of Selling YOU: Postdoc Workshop

Establishing a strong network has never been more important to securing the job you want. Come to the next Postdoc Development Workshop to learn how to sell your most valuable asset - YOU!

Join Matthew Cowley from the UF Career Resource Center on March 18, 4-6pm in room 451A of the Cancer and Genetics Institute Research Building (CGRC) (<http://www.biotech.ufl.edu/venue/cgrc-room-451-ab/>)

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

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Association of Women in Science (AWIS) meeting and social

The Association of Women in Science (AWIS) North Central Florida Affiliate Group is looking for members from the Gainesville area. We are a women-focused organization dedicated to networking, mentoring, and career development. We are looking for members in science, technology, and mathematics (STEM) across all disciplines and employment sectors to join our organization. An

informational meeting and social is being held March 12th from 5:30–7:30 PM at 101 Downtown, 201 Southeast 2nd Ave.

Please feel free to email us with any questions at NCFAWIS@gmail.com.

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

Submitted by Laura Adamson-Small, Department of Pediatrics

Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Awards for Medical Scientists (CAMS)

Burroughs Wellcome Fund has announced The Career Awards for Medical Scientists (CAMS) program which supports \$700,000 awards over five years for physician-scientists to bridge advanced postdoctoral/fellowship training and the early years of faculty service.

Proposals must be in the area of basic biomedical, disease-oriented, or translational research. Proposals in health services research or involving large-scale clinical trials are ineligible.

The ideal candidate will be two years away from becoming an independent investigator, have at least two years or more of postdoctoral research experience, and have a significant publication record.

UF may nominate up to five candidates.

For more information on candidate eligibility, including a link to the full solicitation, please visit: <http://my.research.ufl.edu/Applications/FundingOpportunities/ArticleDetail.aspx?id=35593>

Submitted by Jeevan Jyot, Office of Research

Cystinosis Research Foundation RFP - due April 23

Call for Research Proposals and Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (Spring)

The deadline for the Spring 2014 grant proposals and fellowship applications is **Wednesday, April 23, 2014**. The successful grant applicants will be notified by the end of July, 2014. Please note that the earliest start date for research projects submitted for this cycle is September 1, 2014.

The CRF issues grants for academic research and will not accept applications from commercial, for-profit enterprises.

Research Proposals

The Cystinosis Research Foundation is pleased to announce its spring 2014 call for research proposals and fellowships. The Cystinosis Research Foundation is prepared to fund proposals to improve the immediate care of children and adults with cystinosis and to develop a new understanding and treatment of cystinosis in an effort to help these patients in the future.

In 2014, research grants ranged from \$45,000 - \$500,000.

Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Cystinosis Research Foundation has launched a postdoctoral research fellowship program to attract qualified, promising investigators to establish careers in cystinosis research. The fellow's

stipend should be the usual amount for such a trainee at that institution. The total award cannot exceed \$75,000 per year including overhead. Awards will generally be for a period of 1-3 years.

First priority will be given to "named" postdoctoral trainees. However, investigators who are already studying cystinosis can apply for a fellowship position with the expectation of attracting a suitable postdoctoral fellow within a year. Predoctoral students, who are already studying cystinosis, will be considered if funding is available.

More information is available at <http://www.cystinosisresearch.org/research/for-researchers/> .

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

Scientist Position Available at ClinMet

Company Description:

ClinMet uses metabolomics to provide pharmaceutical companies with clinically relevant and practical insight into drug response and safety for renal and cardiovascular diseases, obesity and diabetes. Our unique combination of skills to achieve exhaustive understanding of a disease along with detailed clinical insights, signature panel of urine-based metabolomic biomarkers, proprietary metabolomics and computational expertise will accelerate the speed and success rate of drug development.

ClinMet helps drug developers to efficiently transform promising compounds into safe and effective medicines. Our efficacy and toxicity indices enable pharmaceutical companies to make better clinical trial-related decisions and provide an increased understanding of a drug's mechanism of action.

Open Position:

Scientist (Metabolomics) San Diego, CA

ClinMet, an innovative biosciences startup at the Janssen Labs incubator in La Jolla, seeks a highly-motivated Scientist (Post-Docs also considered) to support and develop our program in quantitative metabolomic profiling. The focus of this work will be on the application and development of cutting-edge analytical methods for comprehensive metabolite profiling of biofluids and cellular extracts. We have a particular interest in translational metabolomics with clinical applications.

Job responsibilities:

The candidate will be expected to implement established methods and develop new approaches for metabolomics and lipidomics sample preparation, data acquisition and analysis by GC-MS and LC-MS from biological materials (biofluids, cell lines and tissue). The primary job function is to develop, characterize, & implement appropriate extraction and purification techniques for GC/MS and LC/MS methodologies. The candidate will additionally take a lead as a scientific expert in

analytical fields with relevance to metabolomics and be a strong team-player in developing proficiency in cutting edge technologies and approaches.

Required:

- PhD in chemistry or biochemistry or related fields, or equivalent
- Experience using cutting-edge mass spectrometry techniques including, but not limited to, GC-MS and LC-MS for global and targeted metabolomics analysis in biological fluids.
- Demonstrated and hands-on experience with biological-based mass spectrometry including SRM, MRM, shotgun, LC and/or GC-MS.
- Expert knowledge in sample preparation (metabolite quenching and extraction), sample separation using reverse-phase, normal-phase and mixed-mode chromatography.
- Experience in routine maintenance of mass spectrometers and related equipment.
- Firm understanding of software to identify and quantitate metabolites is required.
- Data analysis skills, including metabolite identification using different databases.

Preferred:

- Experience with or a strong interest in quantitative metabolomic techniques and systems level data and Flux analysis (including Mass Isotopomer Distribution analysis) would be highly desired.
- Experience with lipidomics analysis will be beneficial.
- Knowledge of imaging mass spectrometry is a plus.
- Prior experience in pharma or biotech will be beneficial.

Application:

Interested candidates please submit resume, cover letter, citizenship/residency status and 3 professional references to careers@clinmet.com. Applications will be evaluated on an ongoing basis.

Submitted by Quinlyn Soltow, ClinMet

UF Latin American Collection moves to new larger space

The UF Latin American Collection at the George A. Smathers Libraries has moved from its previous location on the 4th floor of Smathers Library, to a newly renovated space on the 3rd floor of the historic building. The spacious 6,300 sq. ft. new reading room features soaring ceilings and original woodwork on the windows and wall shelving. The space offers a large reading/study area with seating for 108, a classroom/meeting room, 7 public computers, two microfilm readers and a scanner, student advising, bilingual services, information desk, staff offices and entrance to the book stacks. Bookshelves line the walls and hold reference materials for easy availability. Access to the space is by stairs and elevator. Spring semester hours are 8am-7pm Monday-Thursday; 8am-6pm Friday; closed Saturday; 3-7pm Sunday.

Submitted by Barbara Hood, George A. Smathers Libraries

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

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