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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 hvspostdocbenefits@admin.ufl.edu or (352) 392-0003.

- [All Inclusive Guide](#) (.pdf)

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

Postdoc Research Symposium: April 21

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs invites you to attend the Postdoc Research Symposium on April 21 at Emerson Alumni Hall. Come out for a day celebrating postdoc research at the University of Florida, attend the lunchtime workshop with research communication expert Dr. Kevin Folta, and enjoy time networking with colleagues across the university. We have over 45 postdocs competing in the poster competition and 12 postdocs vying for a Best Oral Presentation award. Please register to attend by April 15: <https://pd-symposium-2014.eventbrite.com/>

Event details here: <http://postdoc.aa.ufl.edu/symposium>

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Invitation to Biology at the Beach

To All UF Postdocs:

You've been working hard all semester, balancing classes and responsibilities with research, and no doubt you've made great progress.

Summer is nearly here, so it's about time to head to the beach for a break...with your research!

Come out to Biology at the Beach on May 17th, hosted by the Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience (located in Saint Augustine) and enjoy a Saturday filled with casual research discussion and presentations, sunshine, eco-tours, the beach and a BBQ. Graduate students and Post-Doctoral Fellows are invited from the Biology, Psychology, Interdisciplinary Program in Biomedical Sciences, and the Microbiology and Cell Science departments, so anticipate learning from, and explaining your research to, a diverse audience united by curiosity and the beach.

The day will begin **at 9:30 am on May 17,** allowing time for a commute out from Gainesville. If you are interested and would like to join us, **please fill **out the registration survey* (**https://ufl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6zdP6HYX7L1Qzbl**) by May ***9th.** Attendance to the symposium is limited, so please don't wait too long to register.

All attendees are able to present research in one of three formats, providing the opportunity to practice poster and talk presentation skills (see registration survey for details). Also, indicate whether you are able to drive/carpool, as we will attempt to arrange carpools to economize transportation. Registration fees are to be collected at sign-in (\$15; please, cash or check only), and will cover all food and drinks served throughout the day, but B.Y.O.B. if you prefer alcohol at the afternoon BBQ (a Publix is located about 5 mi south of the lab).

Please register using the link above and join us for a fun, casual day at the beach where we can

discuss our diverse research, engage in outdoor activities, and get to know more peers from outside of our individual departments. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Gabby Winters at BiographyAtTheBeach@whitney.ufl.edu.

We hope to see you there!

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Submitted by Betsy Corey, Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience

How to Beat the Heat: Making Plans for Summer & Beyond

April 16, 2014 | 4-5pm | CRC Library

This is a workshop for graduate students who may have summers off, but postdocs are welcome to attend. While you may not have the summer off, you may find the information useful to find opportunities to develop your experiences and enhance your CV in the job search.

This workshop designed to help you identify purposeful ways to spend your summer as a graduate student or postdoc. Participants will hear about a multitude of opportunities for your job or internship search. Attend this session to effectively utilize time in pursuit of your career goals.

Submitted by Liz Kazungu, Career Resource Center

11th Annual Celebration of Biotechnology: May 1

11TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
THURSDAY MAY 1, 2014 | 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
PROGRESS PARK | ALACHUA, FL

The Annual Vendor Show for the Life Sciences Community is Back!

Why Attend?

The Celebration of Biotechnology draws hundreds of life sciences professionals and more than 70 vendors each year to Progress Park, just north of Gainesville off I-75. Biotech professionals at every level come together to expand their tools and techniques needed to compete in today's life sciences industry. Meet biotech company employees and executives, university employees, investors, public officials, media and the general public.

The Vendor Show will showcase:

The Latest in Scientific Tools and Techniques | Products & Services Critical for the Life Sciences Industry | Area Biotech Companies

Celebration Show Highlights

Join leading companies and 70+ scientific and other vendors at this year's Celebration!

Food Vendors

Coffee and pastries for breakfast and Indian food and BBQ for lunch!

Innovation Corridor

Meet local bioscience companies and hear about their breakthrough products.

Media Hour (10:30 AM - 11:30 AM)

Media packets and interview opportunities.

Passport & Door Prizes

Compliments of Fisher Scientific.

Guest Speaker: Randy Scott

Partner - **HealthQuest Capital**

Join us at 12:00 PM for brief remarks and a recap of the exceptional gains Florida biotech companies have made this year.

Bus Tour

Take a free, narrated park tour past **RTI Surgical**'s new Logistics and Technology Center and **Nanotherapeutics**' adjacent construction site for their 165,000 square feet advanced development and manufacturing center.

Tours

Following the Celebration, a tour of **UF's Sid Martin Biotechnology Incubator** and/or **UF Biotility** will be available.

Event Flyer (.pdf)

Submitted by Patti Breedlove, Sid Martin Biotechnology Incubator

"A Personal Journey in Industrial R&D" Career Development Seminar: April 10

Presented by the Interdisciplinary Program in Biomedical Sciences
Graduate Student Organization (GSO)

Seminar is Thursday, April 10th
at 4:00 PM in LG-110A/B.

"A Personal Journey in Industrial R&D"
A career in industry

Speaker: Kurt M. Schilling, Ph.D.
Vice President - Assay R&D and Clinical Affairs, Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics

Date: Thursday, April 10th, 2014

Time: 4:00-5:00 PM

Location: LG 110A/B

Snacks will be provided

If you would like to attend dinner with Dr Schilling (Thursday April 10th) OR lunch (Friday April 11th), please RVSP to sappelberg@ufl.edu
Limited number of spots so first come first.

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Science & Technology Policy Fellowships

Provides opportunities to outstanding scientists and engineers from a broad range of disciplines, backgrounds, and career stages to learn first-hand about policymaking and implementation while contributing their knowledge and analytical skills to policymakers.

More information: <http://www.aaas.org/page/fellowship-resources>

Submitted by Nargiza Ludgate, UF International Center

American Cancer Society Chris DiMarco Institutional Research Grant

Through the "American Cancer Society Chris DiMarco Institutional Research Grant", the University of Florida provides the opportunity for newly independent investigators to receive funding for cancer-related research in the areas of basic science, preclinical, epidemiology, clinical, cancer control, psychosocial and behavioral, health service, and health policy research, cancer in the poor and underserved, and childhood cancer.

- Maximum award is \$30,000
- Awards are for a period of 12 months
- Grants will begin on or about July 1st, 2014

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

Submitted by Ashley Narda Cortez, College of Medicine

Helen Hay Whitney Foundation - funding opportunity due 7/1/14

We wanted to be sure you are aware of an opportunity for funding from the Helen Hay Whitney Foundation. I would like to know if you or any of your colleagues choose to pursue an application, and would be happy to help with it. Please also forward this note to anyone else who might be interested.

Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

The Helen Hay Whitney Foundation supports early postdoctoral research training in all basic biomedical sciences. To attain its ultimate goal of increasing the number of imaginative, well-trained and dedicated medical scientists, the Foundation grants financial support of sufficient duration to help further the careers of young men and women engaged in biological or medical research.

Candidates who hold, or are in the final stages of obtaining a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent degree and are seeking beginning postdoctoral training in basic biomedical research are eligible to apply for a fellowship. The Foundation accepts applications from candidates who have no more than one year of postdoctoral research experience at the time of the deadline for submitting the application (July 1, 2014), and who have received a PhD (or D.Phil. or equivalent) degree no more than two years before the deadline, or an M.D. degree no more than three years before the deadline.

The current stipend and expense allowance is \$50,000 per year for 3 years plus a research allowance of \$1,500 paid annually to the host institution.

For more information, including other budget allowances, visit:

<http://www.hhwf.org/HTMLSrc/ResearchFellowships.html>

Applications must be received by The Helen Hay Whitney Foundation no later than 5:00pm EST, July 1, 2014.

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

Am Heart Association - funding opportunity due 7/24/14

We wanted to be sure you are aware of an opportunity for funding from the American Heart Association. I would like to know if you or any of your colleagues choose to pursue an application, and would be happy to help with it. Please also forward this note to anyone else who might be interested.

National Innovative Research Grant (Summer 2014)

Objective: To support highly innovative, high-risk, high-reward research that could ultimately lead to critical discoveries or major advancements that will accelerate the field of cardiovascular and stroke research.

Research deemed innovative may introduce a new paradigm, challenge current paradigms, look at existing problems from new perspectives, or exhibit other uniquely creative qualities. The Innovative Research Grant (IRG) promotes new ideas; therefore, proposals need not include preliminary data. However, a solid rationale for the work must be provided. Proposed work should not be the next logical step of previous work, but should have a high probability of revealing new avenues of investigation, if successful. This program aims to provide pilot or seed funding that should lead to successful competition for additional funding beyond the pilot period.

Science Focus: Research broadly related to cardiovascular function and disease and stroke, or to related clinical, basic science, bioengineering or biotechnology, and public health problems, including multidisciplinary efforts. The principal investigator (PI) is responsible for clearly and explicitly articulating the project's innovation and the potential impact on cardiovascular and stroke research.

Disciplines: Proposals are encouraged from all basic, behavioral, epidemiological, and community and clinical investigations that bear on cardiovascular and stroke problems.

Total Annual Award Amount: \$75,000

Award Duration: Two years

Indirect: not to exceed 10 percent (up to \$6,818 included within total annual amount).

Application Deadline: July 24, 2014

For more information, visit:

https://my.americanheart.org/professional/Research/FundingOpportunities/ForScientists/Summer-2014-National-Innovative-Research-Grant_UCM_321936_Article.jsp

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Submitted by Margaret Friend, UFHealth Office of Development

Post-Doctoral position focused on aging research

The successful candidate will primarily work on a large NIH funded clinical trial called The Lifestyle Interventions and Independence for Elders Study (The LIFE study: U01AG022376)

[More information](#) (.pdf)

Submitted by Brian Stanton, Department of Aging and Geriatric 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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