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Information About Postdoc Benefits:

If you have questions about benefits enrollment or eligibility, please contact UF's [Human Resource Services](#)' GA and Post Doc Associate Benefits Office at hrrpostdocbenefits@admin.ufl.edu or (352) 392-0003.

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

Want to mingle with scientists, vendors and biotech execs from all across the Southeast? Interested in how Florida's life sciences industry is driving research breakthroughs and powering our economy? Join us for the state's second largest biotech event May 1st! This fun, networking event is FREE and open to the public.

Why Attend?

The Celebration of Biotechnology draws hundreds of life science

professionals and 70+ vendors each year to Progress Park -- just north of Gainesville on I-75. Biotech professionals at every level come together to expand the tools and techniques needed to compete in today's fast-paced industry. Meet biotech company employees and executives, academics, investors, public officials, media and more!

Tour the award-winning UF Sid Martin Biotechnology Incubator, RTI Surgical, UF Biotility and other local hotspots.

Industry Vendors Will Display & Showcase:

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

*Celebration Vendors support the **biotechnology, pharmaceutical, medical device and bioagriculture industries.***

More information

Submitted by Patti Breedlove, Sid Martin Biotech Incubator

Communication Tips for Postdocs

All participants in the 2014 Postdoc Research Symposium were provided individualized feedback on their presentations from the judges. Additionally, the Symposium judges have provided a set of communication tips, suggestions and advice based on what they observed and experienced at this year's Symposium which are available on this site: <http://postdoc.aa.ufl.edu/communication-tips>

All postdocs are encouraged to view the suggestions and advice on this site to help improve their communication skills. Additionally, the Symposium communication workshop by Kevin Folta is available online here:

Communication and Argument: The Most Important Scientific Skills
Presentation Recording Presentation (.ppt)

Research Assistant Scientist Position in Biomedical Engineering

A scientific leadership position is available in the laboratory of Dr. Christine Schmidt who is the Chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Florida. This position is for an initial one-year appointment, but has the potential to be long-term.

Dr. Schmidt's research focuses on engineering novel materials and therapeutic systems to stimulate tissue repair, with a particular focus on the repair and regeneration of neural tissue (<http://www.bme.ufl.edu/labs/schmidt>). Candidates should have background training and experience in biomaterials/scaffold design, materials characterization, cell culture, microscopy, and in vitro assessment of cellbiomaterials interactions. In vivo skills are ideal, but not required. Candidates should have a record of managing and mentoring students, manuscript preparation,

and grant writing.

[More information](#) (.pdf)

Submitted by Christine Schmidt, J. Crayton Pruitt Family Department of Biomedical Engineering

Short-term faculty opportunity for science post-docs

Bard College's Citizen Science Program is a science literacy program required of all first year students, regardless of intended major. Held in January, this short, intense academic program introduces our students to scientific thinking by engaging them in problem-based learning computing, laboratory and classroom experiences. We are currently accepting applications from excellent scientists who are interested in undergraduate education. More information can be found at (<http://citizenscience.bard.edu/>), and the job posting can be found here: http://www.bard.edu/employment/employment/descriptions.php?listing_id=7362138

Submitted by Amy F. Savage, Bard College

National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation fellowships -- due 5/1/14

I want to be sure you are aware of an opportunity for funding from the National Niemann-Pick Disease 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.

National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation

Edward H. Schuchman Research Fellowship

Amount: \$50,000/yr for 2 yrs // \$30,000/yr for 3 yrs for predoctoral fellowships

Due: 5/1/14

The National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation (NNPDF) invites applications for research fellowships examining the biology of Acid Sphingomyelinase Deficiency (ASMD; i.e., Types A and B Niemann-Pick Disease), a rare inherited lysosomal storage disease for which there are no effective therapies.

Those eligible to apply for funding are:

- Predoctoral students with a lab selected and an approved thesis
- M.D., Ph.D and D.V.M postdoctoral researchers
- Early career investigators

Preference will be given to research projects that will improve our understanding of the biology and pathogenesis of ASMD. Preference also will be given to research projects developing new therapies for ASMD and for identifying biomarkers to improve diagnosis and/or to monitor disease progression and efficacy in clinical trials.

The NNPDF Fellowships provide support of \$50,000 per annum for two years (\$30,000 per annum for three years for predoctoral fellowships) and are renewable based on performance. Applicants must be currently associated with a recognized laboratory.

Please let me know if I or my colleagues can assist with an application.

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Submitted by Kim Kruse, UF Development and Alumni Affairs

RFP -- American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering Scholars -- due 5/1/14

**American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
New Scholars Program**

“Advancing Innovation and Discovery from the Lab to the Marketplace”

Amount: \$70,000 stipend, plus funds to attend conferences

Due: May 1, 2014

Eligibility: PhD in medical or biomedical engineering, US citizen, outstanding record of achievement

<http://aimbe.org/scholars-program/>

AIMBE has announced the AIMBE Scholars Program, enabling distinguished post doctorates in the medical and biomedical engineering fields to serve as expert advisors to policymakers.

In its launch-year, Scholars will go to Washington, DC and spend a year working in the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) alongside the most influential decision makers in Washington. Scholars will inform public policy through their knowledge of the latest cutting-edge research and technological innovations and receive training about the federal policy process (including budget, regulatory, and grant processes) and build relationships with key government stakeholders.

Applications require: (1) a Statement of interest (1,000 word maximum) that describes the applicant's background and qualifications for the program, basis for interest in the program, including policy areas or issues of interest and skills to be acquired, and career goals, including how the program would support those goals; and (2) a current C.V. The fellowship program year runs from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015.

Please contact the Division of Research Program Development for full guidelines. Applications materials must be submitted to smandell@aimbe.org by

May 1, 2014.

Please let me know if you or any of your colleagues choose to pursue an application. I would be happy to help with it.

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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) Applications accepted through June 1st. Potential start date: Summer 2014.

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

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