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Important Information re: Postdoc Insurance:

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

# *Team-Based Learning: An Exciting & Interactive Alternative to Lecture-Based Teaching* Wednesday, July 30, 3-5:30pm, McKnight Brain Institute Conference Room (LG110-A/B)

The next postdoc development workshop will feature the expertise of Dr. Wayne T. McCormack who will work will introduce postdocs to the exciting world of Team-Based Learning (TBL).

With Wayne T. McCormack, Ph.D., Director, Clinical & Translational Science Predoctoral Training Program, UF Clinical & Translational Science Institute and Dept. of Pathology, Immunology & Laboratory Medicine

Just because most of the teaching you have been exposed to probably involved passive learning via lectures doesn't mean you can't explore using active learning

strategies when you begin teaching! Team-based learning is a structured small group active learning method that motivates students through a readiness assurance process to come to class prepared, teaches team skills via experience, and most importantly focuses classroom time on higher order skills such as problem-solving and decision-making. This workshop will be a great introduction to TBL, and will be conducted in the TBL format. Participants will prepare ahead, take a readiness assurance test, and then engage actively with their assigned team members. The structure, process, and essential characteristics of an effective TBL module will be emphasized. Please read "TBL\_Workshop\_Prereading (PDF)" before the workshop, which is available online at <a href="http://mccormacklab.pathology.ufl.edu/teaching">http://mccormacklab.pathology.ufl.edu/teaching</a>.

By the conclusion of this workshop, participants should be able to:

1) Explain the key components of a successful TBL module.

2) Outline how they would construct a TBL module from a set of objectives.

3) Describe how they might convert a course/lecture they already teach into a TBL module.

4) Illustrate how to transform a small group into a productive learning-team.

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

# BrightFocus Foundation - funding opportunity / Alzheimer's Disease Research - due 10/14/14

Our office wanted to be sure you are aware of an opportunity for funding from the **BrightFocus Foundation**. If you or any of your colleagues choose to pursue an application, please let me know -- I would be happy to help with it. Please also forward this note to anyone else who might be interested.

### Alzheimer's Disease Research

The goal of the BrightFocus Foundation research grants program is to advance innovative research promoting advances in the etiology, prevention, and treatments of Alzheimer's disease, macular degeneration, and glaucoma. The Foundation is interested in supporting high risk studies that illuminate areas for which there currently is little understanding, helping to bring to light crucial knowledge about these three devastating diseases.

The ADR program offers two types of awards:

Standard Awards
 Award Amount: \$250,000
 Duration: 3 yrs.

The standard award provides significant funding for researchers who have already generated some amount of preliminary data, but often still require significant progress before they can apply to governmental or industrial funding agencies.  Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards Award Amount: \$100,000 Duration: 2 yrs

Postdoctoral fellowship awards are intended for young researchers in their final stages of mentored training. These awards are meant to fund projects in an established laboratory that will serve as the basis for the applicant's own independent research career.

NOTE: Deadlines is 11:59 PM EST (Washington, DC) on October 14, 2014.

For more information: http://www.brightfocus.org/research/apply/main.html

Please let me know if I or my colleagues can help you with the application.

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Submitted by Margaret Friend, UFHealth Office of Development

# American Cancer Society RFP - due Oct. 15

You likely are aware of a number of funding opportunities from the American Cancer Society. If you or any of your colleagues choose to pursue an application, please let me know -- I would be happy to help with it. All are due October 15.

#### Research Scholar Grants

\$165,000/year, up to 4 years (20% IDC)

Research Scholar Grants support investigator-initiated projects across the cancer research continuum. Independent investigators in the first six years of an independent research career or faculty appointment are eligible to apply.

#### Postdoctoral Fellowships

3-yr award -- \$48K year 1, \$50K year 2, \$52K year 3 + \$4,000 allowance

This award is to support the training of researchers who have received a doctoral degree to provide initial funding leading to an independent career in cancer research (including basic, preclinical, clinical, cancer control, psychosocial, behavioral, epidemiology, health services and health policy research).

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Submitted by Margaret Atherton, UF Foundation

# RFP -- Society for Conservation Biology / PostDoc Fellowship in Conservation Research -- due 9/12/14

Our office wanted to be sure you are aware of an opportunity for postdoctoral fellowship funding from the **Society for Conservation Biology**. If you or any of your colleagues choose to pursue an application, please let me know -- I would be happy to help with it. Please also forward this note to anyone else who might be interested.

Society for Conservation Biology

## Smith Postdoctoral Fellowship in Conservation Research

\$153,100 (salary, fringe, research and travel for 2 yrs) + 5% IDC

Due Sept. 12, 2014

The purpose of the David H. Smith Conservation Research Fellowship is to create opportunities for leading conservation biologists to strengthen their skills through two years of applied post-doctoral research, supplemented by training programs, peer networking, and field learning experiences. The Program encourages individuals to apply who want to better link conservation science and theory with pressing policy and management applications. The cadre of scientists supported by the Smith Fellows Program eventually are expected to assume leadership positions across the field of conservation science.

Each Fellow will have two mentors:

1) an academic mentor, typically at an academic institution, who encourages the Fellow's continued academic development

2) a field or practitioner mentor who helps the Fellow connect her/his research to practical conservation challenges. The practitioner mentor is typically affiliated with a conservation organization (government agency, non-governmental organization, or other non-academic conservation organization) with expertise and experience in "on-the-ground" application of conservation science.

### Eligibility and Award Terms

Applicants must have completed their doctorates no longer than 5 years ago by the time the award is made in 2015. Applicants who have not yet completed their doctorate must clearly indicate on the application the date the degree is expected.

Each Fellow will receive an annual salary of \$50,000 plus benefits, with the post-doctoral position expected to run for two consecutive years. In addition to the stipend, each Fellow receives a travel budget of \$8,000 and a research fund of \$32,000 over the 2-year fellowship period.

Fellows will spend up to three weeks per year during their fellowship attending Program-sponsored professional development retreats each year. These retreats provide opportunities to cultivate skills typically not covered during their academic education including: leadership, communications, professional and funder networks, and to gain better understanding of policy making and application of research. Fellows are expected to pursue their research outlined in their proposal on a full-time basis.

Fellows are employed either by their sponsoring academic institution or conservation organization, typically the location of either their academic or practitioner mentor. The Program will provide up to 5% of the total direct costs as overhead reimbursement to the host organization. Second-year renewal of the fellowship is contingent upon satisfactory progress (including but not limited to participation in Program sponsored retreats) as well as timely completion of first-year activity and financial reports.

More information:

## http://www.conbio.org/mini-sites/smith-fellows/apply/proposalguidelines

Please let me know if I or my colleagues can help you with the application.

### Kim Kruse

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Submitted by Kim Kruse, UF Development and Alumni Affairs

# Reminder: University of Florida Postdocs on Facebook and LinkedIn

Join this <u>Facebook group</u> for University of Florida postdocs as well as the LinkedIn group: <u>http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Gainesville-Postdocs-4479251?</u> <u>trk=myg\_ugrp\_ovr%20</u>

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 <u>contact Kim Pace</u> to receive an invitation. UF Postdoctoral Update: July 22, 2014 - Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

#### 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 <u>Postdoc</u> <u>Development Workshops</u> and other postdoc events?

A listserv has been created for postdocs to receive reminders for upcoming postdoc events. Please e-mail Kim Pace (<u>kpace@aa.ufl.edu</u>) and tell me you wish to subscribe to the "postdoc info listserv."

Submitted by Kim Pace, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

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