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Important Information re: Postdoc Insurance:

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

New Postdoc Orientation: Register by Sept. 5

There are just a few seats left for the September 16 New Postdoc Orientation. Register today to make sure you can attend this once-a-year event just for postdocs.

Register by Sept. 5 at: <http://npo2014.eventbrite.com>

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Collaborating with Strangers on Sex & Gender Differences in Health workshop

The Collaborating with Strangers on Sex & Gender Differences in Health workshop will connect researchers, students and faculty during a series of 3-minute speed-meetings. You'll walk away with more resources, solutions and creative ideas than you could have ever imagined.

When: Tuesday, September 9th, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Where: Clinical and Translational Research Building, Room 3161/3162 (corner of Gale Lemerand and Mowry, <http://campusmap.ufl.edu/?loc=1375>)

Who: Open to all UF faculty, administrators, post-docs, students, and staff

Refreshments will be served.

To register, go to http://apps.uflib.ufl.edu/Registration/public_workshops_view_details.aspx?ID=32

For more information, go to <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/news/index.aspx> or contact Bess de Farber (bdefarber@ufl.edu)

Seats are limited. Please register if you are interested or pass this on to other interested people.

Sponsored by the Health Science Center Library at the George A. Smathers Libraries and the National Institutes of Health, National Library of Medicine, Office of Research on Women's Health.

Submitted by Hannah Norton, George A. Smathers Libraries, Health Science Center Libraries

Autism Speaks - funding opportunities due 10/1 and 11/12/14

Our office wanted to be sure you are aware of these two opportunities for funding from **Autism Speaks**. 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.

1. Meixner Postdoctoral Fellowship in Translational Research

(Two Year total maximum award = \$148,400)

The goal of this program is to support well-qualified postdoctoral scientists pursuing training in autism spectrum disorder (ASD) translational research. The program is open to applicants from public or private institutions doing preclinical or clinical research. Applicants are expected to detail a project that bridges basic laboratory research and behavioral or biomedical clinical research, and must include a training plan that includes mentoring in both basic and clinical research environments. Projects must have the fundamental translational research aim of accelerating the conversion of basic scientific discoveries into novel and more effective methods or products used to diagnose, prevent, or treat ASD. "Bench-to-bedside" approaches that delineate a path from preclinical models of ASD to well-defined patient populations, and "back-translational" projects that enrich the skill sets of behaviorists and clinicians through basic research on ASD biology and mechanisms of therapeutic intervention are equally encouraged. The results should have the potential to lead to or facilitate preclinical or clinical trials to improve outcomes for people with ASD.

The number of fellowships Autism Speaks will award will be determined by its available financial resources and the fit of the proposed research within the Autism Speaks portfolio. Each award will be for a period of two years and will include a competitive stipend, and a **\$10,500 annual allowance** for professional conference travel, research costs and supplies, and/or fringe benefits. Indirect costs are not allowed. Stipend ranges can be found below. The second year stipend will be raised to the next level.

The **postdoctoral fellowship stipend** level will be determined by the number of years of postdoctoral experience at the time of the award to a **maximum of \$63,700 per year**. Fellows are permitted to obtain additional awards or grants to *cover research expenses only*. Fellows may not hold any other award or grant that supplements their stipend.

Letter of Intent: Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 8:00 p.m. (U.S. Eastern Time)

For more information:

http://www.autismspeaks.org/docs/sciencedocs/grants/2015_meixner_postdoctoral_fellowship_in_translational_research_rfa.pdf

2. Dennis Weatherstone Predoctoral Fellowship Program

(Two Year total maximum award = \$60,000)

Autism Speaks invites applications from predoctoral students interested in pursuing careers in autism research. The Dennis Weatherstone Fellows will work directly with mentors who are leading scientists in autism related research. This program supports the growth of a promising cadre of young scientists who will make autism research their chosen field. In order to cross-fertilize ideas and facilitate a network of collaboration, the Weatherstone program will include group interaction among the class of fellows and an annual meeting with the Weatherstone family and the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. The primary purpose of the Weatherstone fellowship is to provide highly qualified candidates with exceptional research training opportunities broadly related to the study of Autism Spectrum Disorders. General areas of research include: behavioral, psychosocial and /or educational challenges; family issues; language / communication; environmental factors; epidemiology and public health; health services research; genetics and/or genomics; health services research; medical / psychiatric comorbidities; biomedical and/or pharmacological interventions; developmental biology; neuroscience; physiology / anatomy; and technology development.

The Autism Speaks Weatherstone Fellowship Awards will be granted to qualified predoctoral students. The **two-year fellowship** includes an annual **\$30,000** award that includes a stipend of **\$22,500 plus a \$7,500 annual allowance** for fringe benefits, research costs and supplies, professional travel and/or tuition reimbursement. Indirect costs are not allowed. Acceptance of any other award or grant that supplements research training expenses or the stipend requires approval that will be granted only in rare cases.

Letter of Intent due on or before: Wednesday, October 1, 2014, 8:00 p.m. (EST)

For more information:

http://www.autismspeaks.org/docs/sciencedocs/grants/2015_weatherstone_predoctoral_fellowship_rfa.pdf

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

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

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