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Important Information re: Postdoc HR Issues:

Insurance and 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 hrrspostdocbenefits@admin.ufl.edu or (352) 392-0003.

Employee Issues: If you are experiencing an issue with your supervisor that is not resolved in your department and need assistance or guidance, please contact Ms. Kim Baxley, Director of Employee Relations, in UF's [Human Resource Services](#). Ms. Baxley can be reached at 392-1072 or kczap@ufl.edu.

UF Employee Relations Assistance for Postdocs

If postdocs are experiencing an employee situation that cannot be resolved in the department, postdocs may contact Ms. Kim Baxley in UF's Human Resource

Services Employee Relations office for assistance:

Ms. Kim Baxley

Director, [Employee Relations](#)

Email: kczap@ufl.edu

UF Human Resource Services (903 West University Avenue)

Phone: (352) 392-1072

Submitted by the Office of Human Resource Services

Regional Science Fair Judges Urgently Needed!

Now that our fall school level science fairs are over, the winning students from each school are advancing to regional science fair on February 11, 2015. The event will be held at Santa Fe College from 8:00-3:00. Judges for this event must have a bachelor's or higher degree.

If you meet this qualification and are available to judge, please review the attached letter from Ms. Terri Zimmerman, who handles registration for this event. She would be very grateful for your support, as she is still 40 judges short at this moment!

Many thanks for your consideration, and for ALL you do for our students.

- [Regional Science Fair Letter \(.docx\)](#)
- [Regional Science Fair Registration Form \(.doc\)](#)

Submitted by Pam Fitzgerald, Speakers Bureau, Alachua County Public Schools

Immigration Webinar Today at 3pm

You're Invited! Fragomen Worldwide Webinar Event: What Happens After I Graduate?

Fragomen Worldwide is pleased to invite you to a Fragomen Worldwide webinar event: "What Happens After I Graduate?" Learn how to address some of the most complex immigration issues facing graduates today.

Please join Fragomen Associate [Aaron Blumberg](#) as he covers of the following topics:

- A look at the post-graduation immigration options for students currently holding F-1, F-1 OPT and J-1 status.
- The upcoming H-1B filing season and H-1B application process
- The permanent residence ("Green Card") process
- An opportunity to participate in a Q&A forum
- ...and much more!

We hope you can join us!

When Tuesday, February 3, 2015

Webinar Start: 3:00PM ET

Webinar End: 5:00PM ET

Registration To register for this event, please click [here](#). Access details will

be provided in advance of the webinar via email.

Questions? Please send questions to: seminars@fragomen.com

University of Florida Integrated Research Support Tool (UFIRST): Phase One Implementation

In March, UF will launch the first phase of UFIRST—the University of Florida Integrated Research Support Tool—with the implementation of a new proposal routing system. Beginning March 20, all proposals for sponsored funding will be required to be routed through UFIRST.

Designed to significantly improve the way the Office of Research administers research, from proposals through awards, UFIRST will streamline workflow processes and improve transparency, tracking and reporting. Subsequent phases of UFIRST's implementation will occur in the fall of 2015, when UFIRST submission to grants.gov will replace the use of Cayuse, and the spring of 2016, when a new awards system will be introduced.

Research administrators who support proposal development, submission and management on behalf of their departments will need to complete a new training course, RSH280: UFIRST Proposals & Agreements. Classroom training sessions will begin February 17, and online courses will be available later this spring.

Departments that currently use PeopleSoft (myUFL Proposal Express) and that anticipate submitting proposals between Friday, March 13, and Friday, March 20, should have all electronic routing completed by March 12. Any proposals initiated between March 13 and March 20 must use DSP-1. All proposals routed after March 20 will be required to use UFIRST.

Supplemental online support designed for chairs and principal investigators will be available in early March.

For more information about UFIRST—including frequently asked questions, training information and a project timeline—please visit:

<http://research.ufl.edu/faculty-and-staff/initiatives/ufirst.html>.

If you have questions or concerns, please email ufirst@research.ufl.edu.

February 2, 2015 UF Administrative Memo from David Norton, Vice President for 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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