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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 benefits@ufl.edu or (352) 392-2477.

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.

Cystinosis Research Foundation Research and Postdoc RFPs

Call for Research Proposals and Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (Spring) - Due 4/6/15

The ultimate goal of the Cystinosis Research Foundation is a cure for cystinosis. Currently, the Cystinosis Research Foundation has **\$2,000,000** available for research and fellowship grants. The number of awards and their value will depend on the number of outstanding proposals and the funds available at the time. Research and fellowship grants are awarded for **1-3 years**.

Research Proposals

The Cystinosis Research Foundation is pleased to announce its Spring 2015 call for research proposals and fellowships. The Cystinosis Research Foundation is prepared to fund proposals to improve the immediate care of children and adults with cystinosis and to develop a new understanding and treatment of cystinosis in an effort to help these patients in the future.

Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Cystinosis Research Foundation has launched a postdoctoral research fellowship program to attract qualified, promising investigators to establish careers in cystinosis research. The fellow's stipend should be the usual amount for such a trainee at that institution. The total award cannot exceed **\$75,000 per year** including overhead. Awards will generally be for a **period of 1-3 years**. First priority will be given to "named" postdoctoral trainees. However, investigators who are already studying cystinosis can apply for a fellowship position with the expectation of attracting a suitable postdoctoral fellow within a year. Predoctoral students, who are already studying cystinosis, will be considered if funding is available.

The deadline for grant proposals and fellowship applications is Monday, April 6, 2015.

More information: <http://www.cystinosisresearch.org/research/for-researchers/> or for assistance with an application, please contact Kim Kruse, Associate Director, Corporate and Foundation Relations, UF Development and Alumni Affairs: (352) 392-0838 - office, (352) 871-0574 - cell, kkruise@uff.ufl.edu. Also please let Kim know if you choose to pursue an application.

Submitted by Kim Kruse, UF Development & Alumni Affairs

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Academic Style in the Humanities: A Faculty and Graduate (Grant) Writing Workshop

Eric Hayot (Pennsylvania State University)

Monday, 9 March 2015, 12:00-3:00 pm

Smathers Library (East) 100

Writing well is central to academic careers, and yet, academics spend very little time talking about, teaching, or working on their writing. Or at least so argues Eric Hayot in his new book, *The Elements of Academic Style*. Pairing honest talk about fear, procrastination, and productivity with practical advice for writers across the humanities, Hayot pushes us all to think not only about how we write, but how we feel about writing, and how we institutionalize those feelings in our

personal and departmental practices.

This participatory workshop will explore some basic principles of successful academic writing in the humanities, with a special focus on grant-writing. We will discuss the following topics:

1. Titles. What makes a good title (in your field)? How can you meet the challenge of writing a title that appeals to a broader audience of grant application readers, while still communicating to insiders that you know what you're doing? Are there titles that work better for books than for articles, or vice versa? Please bring examples of your favorite (or least favorite titles) for discussion.
2. Examples. How do you handle the balance between the general concept or idea of the grant and the specific examples that make it feel "live"? How does that balance compare to the balance needed for scholarly work in your field? How do books, articles, and grants differ in the way they handle the balance between the general and the particular?
3. So what? How do you make the argument that your work matters, without seeming too aggressive ("everyone who's ever lived until now was wrong?") or too uninteresting ("no one has ever looked at this thing I'm looking at, but that doesn't mean that it's important")? How do you handle your relationship to other scholars, or to topics of general public interest?

Please bring along a sample of your own writing—ideally, work in progress on an academic grant or fellowship proposal, or an article or book chapter—so that we can break into groups and discuss these issues intensively. We understand the potential time conflicts created by attending a workshop during the teaching day, and thus welcome you to attend all or part of the event as fits your schedule.

Eric Hayot is Distinguished Professor of Comparative Literature and Asian Studies, and the Head of the Department of Comparative Literature, at the Pennsylvania State University. He is the author of *Chinese Dreams* (2004), *The Hypothetical Mandarin* (2009), *On Literary Worlds* (2012), and *The Elements of Academic Style* (2014), as well as of a number of articles and book chapters, including "Academic Writing, I Love You. Really, I Do," which appeared in the Winter 2014 issue of *Critical Inquiry*.

- Lunch and refreshments will be served.
- To participate, please RSVP by March 5th to humanities-center@ufl.edu
- For further information, contact humanities-center@ufl.edu

This event is part of the 2014-15 grant-writing in the humanities series organized by the UF Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere, with support from the CLAS Dean's Office and the UF Office of Research.

Submitted by Timothy Blanton, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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Job Opportunity - Histotechnologist, Dermatology Solutions Group - Panama City, FL

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Office of Research - This Week's Postdoctoral Grant Opportunities

If you are looking for Postdoctoral research opportunities, the Office of Research suggests you peruse the following opportunities in this issue of the FYI:

- [American Council of Learned Societies \(ACLS\) - ACLS Public Fellows](#)
- [National Space Biomedical Research Institute \(NSBRI\) - First Award Fellowship \(NSBRI-RFA-15-01\)](#)
- [American Cancer Society \(ACS\) - Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)
- [American Diabetes Association - Minority Postdoctoral Fellowship Award \(PMF\)](#)
- [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program \(AMFDP\)](#)

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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 Cheryl Gater](#) to receive an invitation.

[More information.](#)

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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 Cheryl Gater (cgater@aa.ufl.edu) and tell me you wish to subscribe to the "postdoc info listserv."

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