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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.

CV and Résumé Prep Postdoc Workshop

March 19, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., 451A CGRC

Dr. Monika Rosier (formerly of the CRC) will provide advice and guidance on CV/résumé preparation. The workshop will include break-out groups for discussion and critique of participant's résumés. **Be sure to bring a copy of your most recent CV or résumé.** By the end of the workshop you should have meaningful updates to your CV/résumé.

Due to a scheduling conflict the workshop will **NOT** be videotaped.

Refreshments will be provided.

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"What's the BiG IdEA?" Call for Abstracts and Registration for UF Postdoc Research Symposium on April 22



The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to announce the third annual Postdoctoral Research Symposium on Wednesday, April 22 at Emerson Alumni Hall. The event will take place from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. A schedule for the Symposium is available online at <http://postdoc.aa.ufl.edu/programs/postdoc-research-symposium/>

The theme for this year's Symposium is "What's the Big Idea?" Postdocs in both oral and poster presentations will be judged on how well they can convey their research to lay audiences. [Communication Skills](#) is one of the six [Core Competencies](#) the [National Postdoctoral Association](#) promotes as critical to postdoc success.

Register [here!](#)

UF Postdocs are invited to compete in either the Oral Presentations competition or Poster Presentations competition. All poster presentations will be judged on the day of the Symposium. Oral Presentations will be on a first come, first serve basis, will follow the "[3MT: Three Minute Thesis](#)" idea, will include a single, static slide in PDF format, and will be judged on the day of the Symposium.

To submit your abstract and be considered for judging, please complete the [abstract submission form](#) (enter your GatorLink username and password when prompted) by **April 15, 2015**.

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The L'Oreal USA for Women in Science Fellowship Program

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015

The L'Oréal USA For Women In Science fellowship program will award five post-doctoral women scientists in the United States this year with grants of up to \$60,000 each. Applicants are welcome from a variety of fields, including the life and physical/material sciences, technology (including computer science), engineering, and mathematics.

The application and more information on the L'Oreal USA For Women in Science program can be found at www.lorealusa.com/forwomeninscience.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please e-mail Rachel Pacifico at rpacifico@us.loreal.com.

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American Italian Cancer Foundation (AICF) International, Post-doctoral Research Fellowship Program

Deadline March 31, 2015

Application Guidelines:

- Fellowship candidates may apply to conduct research in basic or translational science, or to perform clinical research.
- Applicants to the American-Italian Cancer Foundation's International Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship Program must have received an advanced degree a PhD, MD, DSc or DVM no more than three years prior to the date of their applications.
- AICF's emphasis, however, is on funding post-doctoral researchers who will be completing their first full post-doctoral year of research during the AICF Fellowship period.
- Fellowships are offered in the United States or in Italy. If applying for a fellowship in the United States, applicants must be Italian citizens and cannot have resided in the United States for more than one year at the time of application.
- Fellowships are awarded for a two-year period. Renewal of the fellowship for the second year may be taken into consideration on individual basis after evaluation of the project progress. In order to secure funding for the second year, the Fellow must prepare an interim research report detailing progress to-date. AICF must also receive a request for renewal from the institution and a letter from the mentor detailing the Fellow's progress. Interim reports will be reviewed by AICF's Scientific Advisory Board. AICF retains the right to cease funding after the first year if satisfactory progress has not been made or due to unforeseeable circumstances.

Review of Applications and Deadlines:

Each application received by the AICF office is reviewed to make certain it is complete and that it meets eligibility requirements; incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the Scientific Advisory Board. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all requirements are fulfilled and all letters of recommendation received by AICF by the stated deadlines.

Fellowship applications are evaluated for:

- Merit and relevance of the research proposal
- Long-term potential of the candidate as a researcher
- Qualifications and experience of the candidate and his or her mentor
- The training and research environment that will be made available to the candidate during the fellowship period
- Letters of recommendation

Prospective fellows requesting two years of funding from AICF may apply from January 5, 2015 through March 31, 2015.

Notification:

All AICF fellowship applicants will be notified of a decision on or before July 1, 2015.

Additional information available online at

http://www.americanitaliancancer.org/uploads/2/5/6/8/25689041/2014-15_aicf_fellowship_application_and_guidelines.pdf.

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NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship

The overall goal of the NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) program is to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained scientists is available in appropriate scientific disciplines to address the Nation's biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs. In order to accomplish this goal, NRSA training programs are designed to train individuals to conduct research and to prepare for research careers. More information about NRSA programs may be found at the [Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award \(NRSA\)](#) website.

The purpose of the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (Parent F32) is to support promising applicants during their mentored postdoctoral training under the guidance of outstanding faculty sponsors. The integrated program of research and training should enhance the individual's potential to develop into a productive, independent researcher. The training plan should document the need for, and the anticipated value of, the proposed mentored training in relationship to the individual's research career goals. The training plan should also facilitate the fellow's

transition to the next stage of his/her career.

It is expected that the mentored training experience will provide:

- A strong foundation in research design, methods, and analytic techniques appropriate to the proposed research;
- The enhancement of the applicant's ability to conceptualize and think through research problems with increasing independence;
- Experience conducting research using appropriate, state-of-the-art methods, as well as presenting and publishing the research findings as first author;
- The opportunity to interact with members of the scientific community at appropriate scientific meetings and workshops;
- Skills needed to transition to the next stage of the applicant's research career; and
- The opportunity to enhance the applicant's understanding of the health-related sciences and the relationship of his/her research to health and disease.

The NRSA legislation requires that the Nation's overall needs for biomedical research personnel be taken into account by giving special consideration to physicians and other health professionals who propose to become active biomedical researchers and who agree to undertake a minimum of two years of biomedical, behavioral or clinical research. Applicants with a health professional doctoral degree may use the proposed postdoctoral training to satisfy a portion of the degree requirements for a master's degree, a research doctoral degree or any other advanced research degree program.

The Kirschstein-NRSA F32 award may provide up to three years of support for postdoctoral research training. The NIH encourages applications from individuals sufficiently early in their postdoctoral training period that they can benefit from the mentored research and training opportunities of an individual fellowship award.

Additional information can be found online at
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-149.html>.

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DoD Breast Cancer Research Program: Breakthrough Awards Levels 1 and 2

The intent of the Breakthrough Award is to support promising research that has high potential to lead to or make breakthroughs in breast cancer.

The critical components of this award mechanism are:

Impact: Research supported by the Breakthrough Award will have the potential for a major impact and accelerate progress toward ending breast cancer. The impact may be near-term or long-term, but must be significant and move beyond an incremental advancement. Applications must articulate the pathway to

making a clinical impact for individuals with, or at risk for, breast cancer, even if clinical impact is not an immediate outcome.

Research Scope: Research proposed under this award mechanism may be small-to large-scale projects, at different stages of idea and research development. Two different funding levels, based on the scope of the research, are available under this Program Announcement/Funding Opportunity. Two additional funding levels, Funding Levels 3 and 4, are available under a different Program Announcement (W81XWH-15-BCRP-BREAKTHROUGH_FL34). It is the responsibility of the Principal Investigator (PI) to select the funding level that is most appropriate for the research proposed. The funding level should be selected based on the scope of the research project, rather than the amount of the budget.

The following are general descriptions, although not all-inclusive, of the scope of research projects that would be appropriate to propose under each funding level:

- Funding Level 1: Innovative, high-risk/high-reward research that is in the earliest stages of idea development. Research with potential to yield new avenues of investigation. Proof of concept. No preliminary data required.
- Funding Level 2: Research that is already supported by preliminary data and has potential to make significant advancements toward clinical translation. Demonstration of efficacy in in vivo models, as applicable.

Partnering PI Option: The Breakthrough Award encourages applications that include meaningful and productive collaborations between investigators. The Partnering PI Option is structured to accommodate two PIs, called the Initiating PI and the Partnering PI, each of whom will receive a separate award. The Initiating and Partnering PIs have different submission requirements; however, both PIs should contribute significantly to the development of the proposed research project including the Project Narrative, Statement of Work (SOW), and other required components. The PIs may have expertise in similar or disparate scientific disciplines, but each PI is expected to bring distinct contributions to the application. New collaborations are encouraged, but not required. It is the responsibility of the PIs to describe how their combined expertise will better address the research question and explain why the work should be done together rather than through separate efforts. To meet the intent of the Partnering PI Option, applicants are discouraged from submitting as a Partnering PI on multiple applications unless they are clearly addressing distinct research questions. Applications submitted by a mentor and his/her current postdoctoral fellow or junior investigator as Initiating and Partnering PIs do not meet the intent of the Partnering PI Option.

Additional information is available online at

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=274902>

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[12th Annual BioFlorida Celebration of Biotechnology](#)



Thursday, May 7, 2015

9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please join us for this year's [Celebration of Biotechnology](#) on Thursday, May 7th from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm. In its 12th year, the Celebration continues to attract more than 500 biotech company employees, university employees, investors, public officials, press and the general public. The event is free to attend and pre-registration is not required. Guests may purchase lunch from onsite vendors and water will be provided to attendees at no charge - courtesy from one of our Sponsors!

The [Celebration of Biotechnology](#) draws hundreds of life sciences professionals each year to Progress Park, just north of Gainesville off I-75. Biotech professionals at every level and scope of expertise come together to expand their tools and techniques needed to compete in today's life sciences industry. We look forward to your participation and involvement at this year's Celebration!

To get involved or to sponsor, contact Celebration co-chairs:

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Peer2Peer: A Workshop for Teaching Assistants

Join fellow teaching assistants from across campus for round table discussions focused on challenges and best practices in teaching and learning. Hear about the experiences of other TAs on a variety of topics. Attend one or more of the sessions as your schedule permits. There is no cost to attend this event and refreshments will be provided.

Join us on April 7th in Smathers Room 100

- 8:30-9:00 Check-in/Continental Breakfast
- 9:00-9:30 Welcome and Keynote
- 9:35-9:55 Session 1
- 10:00-10:20 Session 2
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10:25-10:45 Session 3

- 10:50 - 11:45 Wrap-up

[Register for this event](#)

This event is sponsored by the Office of Faculty Development and Teaching Excellence. For questions, contact Jennifer Smith at jksmith@ufl.edu

For details on this and other events for graduate assistants, visit:

<http://teach.ufl.edu/development>

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Nominations for Popular Science's Brilliant Ten Awards

The university has an opportunity to nominate some of its talented scientists, doctors and engineers for Popular Science's Brilliant Ten awards. Nominees must be under 38 and have a recent innovation that has had a major impact in their field. Full details are available in the [nomination form](#). You can see profiles from last year's winners at <http://www.popsoci.com/article/science/brilliant-ten-2014>.

Feel free to nominate those you think fit the bill, and please copy news@ufl.edu when you send in the nomination form to brilliant.ten@gmail.com. The deadline is April 2.

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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.](#)

Submitted by Cheryl Gater, 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 Cheryl Gater (cgater@aa.ufl.edu) and tell me you

wish to subscribe to the "postdoc info listserv."

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