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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.

What's the BiG IdEA? Postdoc Research Symposium

What's the **BIG** **IDEA?**

Win up to \$200!

<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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Piirus - Connect with Researchers Globally

[Piirus](#) is a free networking website for the global research community. It enables researchers to identify and connect with thousands of potential collaborators worldwide, helping them to build their networks and explore new ideas.

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[Leakey Foundation General Research Grants](#)

Research Grants are awarded twice annually (in May and December) and constitute the majority of the Foundation's grant program. The Foundation funds research related specifically to human origins.

Please note: The next deadline for applications is July 15th.

Eligibility

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

Advanced doctoral students (advanced to candidacy - all but dissertation) and established scientists are eligible for general research grants. There are no citizenship restrictions. However, all applications must be in English.

Funding

The majority of The Leakey Foundation's Research Grants to doctoral students are in the \$3,000-\$15,000 range.

Larger grants, especially to senior scientists and post-doctoral students, may be funded up to \$25,000. Priority of funding is commonly given to exploratory phases of promising new research projects that meet the stated purpose of the Foundation.

Please consider the below if you are thinking of applying for a General Research Grant:

- Is my research relevant to human origins and evolution?
- For Ph.D candidates: Will I be advanced to candidacy (all but dissertation) before the deadline for application?
- Am I affiliated with an academic or research institution? We do not award funds to individuals.
- Am I fully compliant on all prior Leakey Foundation awards?

How to Apply

Before you begin please review the [Application Guidelines](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#). To start the process, click on [Apply Online](#). Please follow the instructions on each page of the application. At the end of the application you will be asked to upload certain documents. Specific instructions for these documents as well as templates and other useful information can be found on the [Detailed Application Instructions](#) page.

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Library of Congress Kluge Center Fellowships

The John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress invites qualified scholars to conduct research at the Kluge Center using the Library of Congress collections and resources for a period of four to eleven months. Established in 2000 through an endowment of \$60 million from John W. Kluge, the Center is located in the splendid Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress. The Kluge Center furnishes attractive work and discussion space for Kluge Chair holders, for distinguished visiting scholars, and for post-doctoral Fellows supported by other private foundation gifts. Residents have easy access to the Library's specialized staff and to the intellectual community of Washington.

The Kluge Center especially encourages humanistic and social science research that makes use of the Library's large and varied collections. Interdisciplinary, cross-cultural, or multi-lingual research is particularly welcome. Among the collections available to researchers are the world's largest law library and outstanding multi-lingual collections of books and periodicals. Deep special

collections of manuscripts, maps, music, films, recorded sound, prints and photographs are also available. Further information about the Library's collections can be found on the Library's website: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/>.

For eligibility and application details, go to the [Kluge Fellowship Website](#).

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National Multiple Sclerosis Society Fellowships

Career Transition Fellowships

Finding a way to stop MS, restore function and end MS forever will require a cadre of well-trained scientists engaged in MS-related research. The Society's Career Transition Fellowship addresses this need by fostering the development and productivity of young scientists who have potential to make significant contributions to MS research and help ensure the future and stability of MS research. The Career Transition Fellowship targets current postdoctoral trainees who demonstrate both commitment and exceptional potential to conduct MS-related research. The award provides approximately \$550,000 over five years to support a two-year period of advanced postdoctoral training in MS research and the first three years of research support in a new faculty appointment.

Application process:

The application process for this award involves two levels of review, preliminary and full applications. To submit a proposal for research support, investigators must first register with our Apply Online site (<https://nmss.fluxx.io>) and complete a pre-application. Staff will review the pre-application to determine whether the research plan is appropriate and relevant to our goals.

Deadline: Preliminary application due **April 15**; Full application due **August 12**

[Download details about the Career Transition Fellowship \(.pdf\)](#)

For more information, please contact:

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Mentor-Based Postdoctoral Fellowship in Rehabilitation Research

As part of its overarching goals of stopping MS progression, restoring function, and ending MS forever, the National MS Society welcomes applications for support of mentors and institutions that provide training of postdoctoral fellows in MS research related to rehabilitation. This program provides support for a mentor-institution combination which is responsible for the recruitment, selection, and training of postdoctoral fellows to pursue a career in rehabilitation research applied to MS and similar disorders. The mentor should be an established and active researcher in MS or a related field. The mentor and fellow may come from a variety of different fields including medicine, physical, occupational, or speech therapy, psychology, rehabilitation engineering, nursing, or other fields. The research training may focus on fundamental as well as applied studies but must

be relevant to rehabilitation of individuals with MS.

Proposal submissions

To submit a proposal for research support, investigators must first register with our Apply Online site (<https://nmss.fluxx.io>) and complete a pre-application. Staff will review the pre-application to determine whether the research plan is appropriate and relevant to our goals.

Deadline: August 5

- [Download complete information on applying for Mentor-Based Postdoctoral Fellowship In Rehabilitation Research \(.pdf\)](#)

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Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Society seeks to attract and train promising young investigators and doctors into the field of MS by supporting the training of postdoctoral fellows in studies related to MS in its efforts to end MS forever. The Society supports fundamental as well as applied studies, non-clinical or clinical in nature, including projects in patient management, care and rehabilitation.

Postdoctoral fellowships

The Society offers postdoctoral fellowship grants to unusually promising recipients of M.D., Ph.D. or equivalent degrees when it appears that the program of training to be supported by the grant will enhance the likelihood that the trainee will perform meaningful and independent research relevant to MS in the future, and obtain a suitable position which will enable them to do so.

To submit a proposal for research support, investigators must first register with our online portal (<https://nmss.fluxx.io>) and complete a pre-application. Staff will review the pre-application to determine whether the research plan is appropriate and relevant to our goals.

The Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program is supported in part through educational grants provided by Acorda Therapeutics and Teva Neuroscience.

Deadline: August 12

- [Download complete information on applying for postdoctoral fellowships \(.pdf\)](#)

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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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