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Create Your Own Job: Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Grants

As it gets harder and harder to find funding to move your innovation from the bench to the marketplace, SBIR grants are more important than ever. Help increase your competitive edge by joining us for our Oct. 7 SBIR and STTR workshop run by Jim Greenwood of Greenwood Consulting, nationally known for helping companies, entrepreneurs and inventors like you achieve success in these programs. Registration required: <http://reg.conferences.dce.ufl.edu/SSP/1400043726>. Read more here: <http://research.ufl.edu/otl/wp-content/uploads/SBIR-Flier-2015-October.pdf>

Submitted by Meghan Meyer, Office of Technology Licensing

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Metabolomics Society Early-career Members Network (EMN) - Call for Invitation

Announcement of Opportunity: Applications sought from at least five additional early-career scientists to expand the EMN

Deadline: 31st August 2015

Background

As introduced during the Metabolomics Society Annual Conference in San Francisco, US, in June/July 2015, we are inviting at least five early career researchers to join the early-career committee of the Society's new Early-career Members Network (EMN). The mission of the EMN is to recognize the value and importance of our early-career members, to ensure that their views are heard and acted upon, ultimately improving their experience in metabolomics science and our community. We are looking for creative thinkers to address challenges, such as, how do we aid early-career scientists to enter and engage with our scientific community? What mechanisms can we construct to allow student contributions (talks and posters) to be openly discussed in a safe environment, where senior scientists can teach and advise, and where no question is too basic? What activities and benefits can we develop to encourage students and postdocs to want to join (and remain members of) the Metabolomics Society even in years when they do not attend the annual conference? What training courses are required? How else can the Society serve its early-career members?

Existing members of the EMN committee

Sastia Putri (Osaka University, Japan), David Liesenfeld (German Cancer Research Center Heidelberg, Germany), Thomas Payne (Imperial College London, UK), Ralf Weber (University of Birmingham, UK), Nicholas Rattray (University of Manchester, UK), Evangelia Daskalaki (University of Strathclyde, UK), Gabriel Valbuena (Imperial College London, UK), Justin van der Hooft (Glasgow Polyomics, UK), and Vincent Asiago (DuPont Pioneer, USA), Jennifer Reid (University of Alberta, Canada), Biswapriya Misra, (University of Florida, USA), and Agnetta Kiss (Institute of Analytical Sciences (ISA), France)

Eligibility

We welcome applications from students conducting higher degrees (Masters, PhDs) in a metabolomics discipline, or from those within 5 years of their PhD who are actively engaged in metabolomics science. As an international society we encourage applications from all continents. Successful applicants must be members of the Metabolomics Society (or immediately become members upon joining the task group).

Time commitment

There is much exciting work to be done and much to achieve! Therefore we anticipate a contribution of up to two hours per week (on average). If the Early-career Members Network organizes sessions at conferences or other events, time commitments will increase accordingly. Note also that the existing members of the EMN committee members span many time zones, so some conference calls may occur early or late in the day. No dedicated travel will be required for the EMN committee discussions. The appointment to the EMN committee is for one year initially, and may be extended up to three years. It is your responsibility to discuss this commitment with your supervisor(s) prior to applying.

Application procedure

Please send the following, in one document (.docx or .pdf), to the EMN committee (info.emn@metabolomicssociety.org).

1. One-page resume with relevant experience in developing and leading networking activities (e.g., student rep for other societies) plus your research experience in metabolomics (e.g., presentations, publications, etc.)
2. Up to 300 words on why you fit the role and up to an additional 300 words (one page in total) on what ideas you are passionate about developing as part of the Early-career Members Network.

Applications will then be reviewed by members of the Metabolomics Society's Strategy Task Group and the existing EMN committee members and successful candidates informed in September 2015.

Please feel free to contact us via info.emn@metabolomicssociety.org if you have any suggestions or comments regarding our planned activities this year (i.e., online webinars and workshops). If you think you have a great idea for a new activity we should organize then please do share with us; the EMN can only be a success with your support and ideas!

Submitted by Biswapriya B. Misra, UF Postdoc Associate

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California Alliance (CA) 2016-2017 Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

The NSF-funding California Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate-Transformation (AGEP-T) program is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 Postdoctoral Fellowship Program.

The California Alliance invites underrepresented (URM) PhD's in the mathematical and physical sciences, chemistry, or engineering to apply with ONE application for postdoctoral positions at all Four schools: Berkeley, Caltech, Stanford and UCLA. Please see the attached program announcement or visit our website for more information:

<http://www.california-alliance.org/postdocfellowships>

These are two-year postdoc awards for \$55K-\$70K per year in the mathematical and physical sciences, chemistry, and engineering. The postdoc program includes a partnership with the President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, which has allowed the UC schools to double the fellowships available. Fellowship recipients who apply by November 1 may be eligible for the faculty hiring incentive that accompanies the UC President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program.

Submitted by Tyisha Hathorn, Office of Graduate Minority Programs

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UF Licensing Liaison Position Announcement

The Office of Technology Licensing is hiring a Licensing Liaison. The full position description along with application requirements can be found [online](#). Application deadline is August 19th.

Submitted by April Kilburn, Office of Technology Licensing

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American Association for Cancer Research Associate Member Council Elections

The American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) would like to inform you of a leadership opportunity for outstanding young investigators. Graduate students, medical students or residents, and clinical or postdoctoral fellows with demonstrated leadership potential are sought as candidates for the AACR Associate Member Council. Through a competitive selection process, four Associate Members will be selected to serve three-year leadership terms, starting at the AACR Annual Meeting 2016 and concluding at the AACR Annual Meeting 2019.

The Associate Member Council (AMC) serves as an advisory body to the AACR, helping to develop programs and services to address the needs of young investigators in cancer research. The AMC also provides a venue for collegial discussion about the challenges of a cancer research career and provides recommendations on how to sustain this important workforce.

In recognition of the extraordinary time commitments of early-career scientists, obligations related to AMC service are manageable. AMC members are asked to participate in monthly conference calls, attend an annual planning meeting in Philadelphia, and attend all AACR Annual Meetings during their term to assist with the AMC-organized sessions and events.

The Associate Member Council aims to represent the nearly 13,000 graduate students, medical students and residents, and clinical and postdoctoral fellows who make up the Associate membership of the AACR.

Candidates must be recommended by their mentor and submit a complete Application for Candidacy online in order to be considered for selection. The application, full eligibility criteria, and detailed information about the AACR Associate Member Council may be found on our [website](#). The deadline for application is August 26, 2015.

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American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) Research and Career Development Awards

The AASLD foundation supports research and career development awards in advanced/transplant hepatology, clinical hepatology, and basic and translational research. Applications and eligibility requirements for the Research and Career Development Awards can be found on the specific page for each award.

- Pinnacle Research Award in Liver Diseases
- AASLD/LIFER Clinical and Translational Research Fellowship
- Advanced/Transplant Hepatology Fellowship Program
- Career Development Award in Liver Transplantation
- Clinical and Translational Research Awards in Liver Diseases
- NP/PA Clinical Hepatology Fellowship Program

Two of the programs above are limited to one application per department, and two are limited to one per institution. Those interested in the limited programs should contact their department chair as soon as possible for internal deadlines. We are asking department chairs to notify the UF Office of Research (Attn: Jeevan Jyot, limitedprograms@research.ufl.edu) of the name of the department's applicants to these programs by August 21, 2015. If more than one department wishes to nominate an applicant for the institutionally-limited programs, an internal selection process may be necessary. Applications to other programs listed above are not limited. Please note that applicants may only submit for one (1) AASLD Foundation award each year.

Full applications for most programs above are due December 3, 2015, with the exception of the NP/PA application, which is due February 3, 2016.

For UF's announcement, internal coordination details and a link to the full solicitation, please visit: <http://my.research.ufl.edu/ProgramDevelopment/FundingOpportunities/OpportunitiesManager.aspx?opplD=51273>

Please contact [UF Office of Research, Jeevan Jyot](#) for further assistance.

Submitted by Jeevan Jyot, Office of Research

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Dermatology Foundation Research Awards Program

The Dermatology Foundation's Research Awards Program offers career development awards, fellowships, and grants that are intended to advance the early academic careers and research efforts of physicians and scientists in dermatology and cutaneous biology. An emphasis is placed on supporting research that benefits the dermatology community at large and has significant potential to advance patient care. It is the expectation that the recipients of Foundation awards will be tomorrow's expert teachers, innovative investigators and master clinicians in dermatology.

The Fellowship in Pediatric Dermatology and the Dermatopathology Research Grant have been discontinued.

Awards include:

1. Career Development Awards

Physician Scientist Career Development Award

Clinical Career Development Award in Dermatologic Surgery

Clinical Career Development Award in Health Care Policy/Public Health

Dermatopathology Research Career Development Award

Medical Dermatology Career Development Award

Science of Human Appearance Career Development Award

Women's Health Career Development Award

Pediatric Dermatology Career Development Award

Research Career Development Award

2. Fellowship

Dermatologist Investigator Research Fellowship

3. Grants

Patient Directed Investigation Grant

Research Grant

Program Development Grant

Institutions are limited to one application for most of the above programs (except for the Dermatologist Investigator Research Fellowship which is limited to two).

For UF's announcement, internal coordination details and a link to the full solicitation, please visit: <http://my.research.ufl.edu/ProgramDevelopment/FundingOpportunities/OpportunitiesManager.aspx?oppID=51272>

Please contact [UF Office of Research, Jeevan Jyot](#) for further assistance.

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NIH NINDS Neuroscience Development for Advancing the Careers of a Diverse Research Workforce (R25)

The purpose of the FOA is to invite applications for mentoring and professional activities to advance the careers and neuroscience development of diverse neuroscience researchers. The goal of the NINDS Neuroscience Development for Advancing the Careers of a Diverse Research Workforce (NDACDRW) is to support mission relevant development and/or implementation of programs to: (1) increase the pool of Ph.D.-level research scientists from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical research who are neuroscience researchers- participation is limited to graduate, post-doctoral and/or junior-faculty career levels only; and (2) facilitate career advancement/transition of the participants to the next step of their neuroscience careers.

NINDS support for R25 program relies equally on scientific merit and programmatic considerations. Consequently, we recommend that potential applicants contact program officials at NINDS before preparing an application. NINDS will not support projects if they do not fulfill current programmatic priorities at NINDS.

UF may submit only one application in response to this solicitation. Interested applicants must

contact Dr. Lucia Notterpek (notterp@mbi.ufl.edu) by August 28, 2015 for internal coordination.

For UF's announcement, internal coordination details and a link to the full solicitation, please visit: <http://my.research.ufl.edu/ProgramDevelopment/FundingOpportunities/OpportunitiesManager.aspx?opplD=51093>

Please contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Submitted by Jeevan Jyot, Office of Research

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Postdoc Funding Opportunities

On the [Resources](#) page of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs website, we have created a Funding Opportunities page which lists all the different types of funding available to postdocs.

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Journal of Postdoctoral Research Postdoc of the Month

The Journal of Postdoctoral Research is excited to announce the creation of our new "Postdoc of the Month" award. Winners will be recognized in that month's issue, as well as being invited to submit a "Spotlight" article for publication, and being entered into consideration for "Postdoc of the Year." For more information about the award or the journal as a whole, please see the call for nominations at tinyurl.com/postdocaward or email the editor-in-chief, Stephan C. Jahn (a UF postdoc), at editor-in-chief@postdocjournal.com.

Submitted by Dr. Stephan Jahn, Medicinal Chemistry Postdoc

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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.

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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 would like to receive an 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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