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Postdoc Mentoring Awards for Faculty

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to announce the continuation of the Postdoctoral Mentoring Awards for outstanding mentors of UF postdocs. The

mentoring awards were established to encourage and reward excellence, innovation, and effectiveness in mentoring UF postdocs.

Information about past award recipients and the application for the 2016 award are available on the [Postdoc Mentoring Awards Website](#).

If you wish to nominate an outstanding faculty member for the award, please contact [Cheryl Gater](#), Office of Postdoctoral Affairs Director, with the nominee's contact information.

Deadline for application is November 30, 2015.

Submitted by Cheryl Gater, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

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Dr. Julie Meyer - L'Oréal Fellowship Recipient

L'Oréal USA announced the five recipients of the [2015 For Women in Science Fellowship](#) on October 13th. The Fellowship honors female scientists at critical stages of their career with \$60,000 fellowships to advance their postdoctoral research.

The five fellows exemplify the broad range of research women in STEM are pursuing across the country: **Sarah Ballard**, a postdoctoral fellow in exoplanetary astrophysics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; **Julie Meyer**, a postdoctoral scientist in marine microbiology at the University of Florida; **Sarah Richardson**, a postdoctoral fellow in synthetic biology at the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab's Joint BioEnergy Institute (JBEI) and at the University of California, Berkeley; **Claire Robertson**, a postdoctoral scientist in cancer bioengineering at the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab; and, **Ming Yi**, a postdoctoral scientist in condensed matter physics at the University of California, Berkeley.

Julie Meyer is a postdoctoral scientist in marine microbiology at the University of Florida. Meyer's research focuses on the role of microbial interactions in the health and stability of coral reefs and is performed in collaboration with the Smithsonian Marine Station. Specifically, Meyer is researching how shifts in coral microbiota are associated with Black Band Disease, a disease that kills healthy tissue in many different species of reef-building corals. The L'Oréal USA For Women in Science fellowship will support the further development of Meyer's research including the sequencing of whole genomes. Building on her strong commitment to mentoring, Meyer will also use the fellowship to produce a short documentary film highlighting the work of women in coral reef research. The documentary will be shared online and presented to girls in the Gainesville area as part of Meyer's effort to expose girls to the diversity of scientific careers. Meyer, 39, received a Ph.D. in Marine Biosciences at the University of Delaware, an M.S. in Biology from West Chester University, a B.S. in Biology from Salisbury University and a B.S. in Biology and Environmental Sciences at University of Maryland Eastern Shore. After growing up on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Meyer now lives in Gainesville, Florida with her husband and young daughter.

The U.S. fellowship program includes a requirement focused on ensuring the fellows have a commitment to serve as role models for younger generations. The 2015 fellowship candidates were evaluated based on their intellectual merit,

research potential, scientific excellence and their commitment to supporting women and girls in science. Applications were reviewed by experienced scientists in the candidates' respective fields through a partnership with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), who manages the application process.

The fellows will have the opportunity to engage with leaders from the broader STEM community the week of October 19th through visits to the White House to meet with female scientists from within the Executive Branch and Capitol Hill for a discussion with Congressional leaders about policy issues impacting women in STEM. The fellows will also participate in a mentoring session with female middle and high school students at Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington's Richard England Clubhouse in NE Washington, D.C. and tour L'Oréal's Research and Innovation labs in Clark, New Jersey.

The activities will culminate with an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, October 22, where the fellows will be honored in front of elected officials, policymakers, leaders in STEM and representatives from across the scientific community. In addition to partnering with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, L'Oréal is also working with the LearnServe Fellows Program and several high schools to sponsor 30 local young women interested in pursuing STEM careers to attend the awards ceremony as special guests.

Submitted by Biswa Misra, UF Postdoc

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2016 Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program

The Smithsonian Office of Fellowships and Internships (OFI) is pleased to call for applications to the **2016 Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program (SIFP)** and affiliated programs. Programs now accepting applications include:

[The Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program](#) (for Graduate Students, Predoc Students, Postdoc Researchers, and Senior Researchers)

[The Smithsonian Biodiversity Genomics Postdoctoral Fellowship](#)

[The Smithsonian Postgraduate Fellowship in Conservation of Museum Collections](#)

[The Smithsonian Artist Research Fellowship \(SARF\)](#)

[The Smithsonian Mpala Postdoctoral Fellowship](#)

[The Stable Isotope Interdisciplinary Postdoctoral Fellowship](#)

[The MarineGeo Postdoctoral Fellowship](#)

[The James Smithson Fellowship Program](#)

[The George Burch Fellowship](#)

Please note the deadline for most of these programs is **Tuesday December 1, 2015**.

If you want to be extra cool, [post this link to social media](#).

For more information, go to <http://smithsonianofi.com> or call the Smithsonian Office of Fellowships and Internships at 202-633-7070

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2016 Ford Foundation Fellowships Programs for Achieving Excellence in College and University Teaching

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine is accepting applications for the 2016 Ford Foundation Fellowships Programs for Achieving Excellence in College and University Teaching. Full eligibility information and online applications are available on our website at:

<http://nationalacademies.org/ford>

Eligibility Requirements:

- U.S. citizens, nationals, permanent residents, or individuals granted deferred action status under the DACA program
- Planning a career in teaching and research at the college or university level in a research-based field of science, social science or humanities

Stipends and Allowances:

- Predoctoral--\$24,000 per year for three years
- Dissertation--\$25,000 for one year
- Postdoctoral--\$45,000 for one year

Awardees have expenses paid to attend one Conference of Ford Fellows.

Approximately 60 predoctoral, 30 dissertation, and 20 postdoctoral fellowships sponsored by the Ford Foundation and administered by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine. Application Deadline Dates:

- Predoctoral: November 20, 2015
- Dissertation: November 13, 2015
- Postdoctoral: November 13, 2015

For Further information please contact:

Fellowships Office, Keck 576
National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine
500 Fifth Street NW
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Writing Social Justice: How to Apply to the Ford Foundation

with Justin Dunnivant and Justin Hosbey, Department of Anthropology

Monday, 26 October from 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Marston Science Library (L136)

All UF graduate students, undergraduates who are interested in going to graduate school, and faculty or staff who advise students are invited to join us for this exciting grant writing workshop. This workshop will focus on one non-federal grant giving agency: the Ford Foundation, which gives graduate and postdoctoral fellowships. The Ford Foundation supports innovative work and research with the goal of diversifying the professoriate by supporting social justice projects in the humanities, social sciences, and STEM. Understanding the goals of the Ford Foundation, and the variety of programs they offer, will prepare students pursuing funding to write competitive proposals. The first hour of the workshop will focus on and inform participants about funding opportunities for undergraduate students and graduate students before and after their dissertation. The second hour will involve break-out sessions to give participants an opportunity to build or improve their own proposals. The break-out session period will offer individual assistance and tips on how to frame the proposal to appeal to Ford Foundation reviewers.

What should you bring?

- Participants are not required to bring a current grant proposal. However, it is highly recommended that participants come with a draft proposal or project description.
- Please bring a pen, pencil, or a suitable method of taking notes (including laptops).

What will you get out of this?

- Information about the Ford Foundation and its funding programs.
- Strategies and techniques for writing a successful grant to the Ford Foundation.
- An opportunity to review and workshop a grant in progress or to think through a proposal idea.

Biography:

Justin Hosbey is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Florida. His doctoral research interrogates the social consequences of the privatization of public schools in post-Katrina New Orleans, Louisiana. Justin is a Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellow as well as a Florida Educational

Fund McKnight Fellow. His dissertation work has been supported by research grants from the Ford Foundation and National Science Foundation (AC-SBE Alliance). Justin received his B.A. in Anthropology from Georgia State University in 2008 and his M.A. in Applied Anthropology from the University of South Florida in 2011.

Justin Dunnivant is a Ph.D student at the University of Florida in the Department of Anthropology. His dissertation research focuses on the archaeology of kingdoms in southern Ethiopia and their relationship to the Red Sea trade. Dunnivant is a Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellow, McKnight Doctoral Fellow, and former Fulbright scholar. He received his B.A. in History and Anthropology from Howard University in 2009 and his M.A. in Anthropology from UF in 2013.

- This event is open to all UF graduate and undergraduate students in the humanities, as well as UF faculty and staff advisers to potential student applicants.
- Lunch and refreshments will be provided. To secure your lunch, please RSVP with any dietary restrictions by Thursday, October 22nd to humanities-center@ufl.edu. RSVP as early as possible. Upon receipt of RSVP, a doodle poll will be distributed to collect individual boxed lunch preferences.
- This event is part of the 2015-16 humanities grant-writing series organized by the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere with support from the CLAS Dean's Office and the UF Office of Research.
- Please contact Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere (humanities-center@ufl.edu) with any questions.

Submitted by Tim Blanton, Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere

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Core Concepts in Biomanufacturing and Quality Systems: Applications of cGMPs

UF's Biotility is offering the short-course *Core Concepts in Biomanufacturing and Quality System: Applications of cGMPs* (Oct. 27-30), and UF postdocs are welcome at our reduced rate of \$75 each. This course is typically taken by industry professionals, or anyone interested in finding a career in the private sector of the bioscience/biotechnology industry. Biotility is part of UF's Center of Excellence for Regenerative Health Biotechnology, and is located in Progress Park (Alachua), which is about 20 minutes from campus.

Created in response to industry demand for employees who understand the practices and nuances of working in a regulated industry, this course provides future or current employees a comprehensive and applied understanding of how regulatory compliance is built into all aspects of a company. Using a blend of hands-on applications and lectures, course instructors integrate current Good Manufacturing Practices with core concepts of the manufacturing processes, facilities, quality systems, and documentation to build a solid understanding of the development, manufacture, testing, and release-for-sale of a regulated product.

DATES: Oct. 27-30, 2015

TIME: Tuesday/Thursday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., & Wednesday/Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For postdocs, please select "pay by check" and enter "\$75 per TM" in the Comments section when registering. We can then send a link to pay by credit card (if preferred) at the reduced rate.

<https://xms.dce.ufl.edu/reg/groups/CERHB/course.aspx?c=7230>

Please feel free to contact Tamara Mandell with any questions!
tmandell@cerhb.ufl.edu or 386-462-6397.

Submitted by Tamara Mandell, CERHB

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Department of Microbiology and Cell Science is Seeking a New Postdoctoral Associate

Postdoctoral associate will design and perform the experiments pertaining to the funded grant that focuses on proteomic analysis of enzymes in poultry and host-pathogen interactions in gram-negative bacterial infections. Previous experience with protein methods, microbiology or molecular biology is expected. Bioinformatics or programming skills would be an additional bonus. We anticipate that s(he) will have an active interest in developing research project by proposing alternative approaches and reading relevant literature. After initial training, s(he) will work independently with minimal supervision, proactively propose and test novel ideas that are relevant to the project and prepare manuscripts. He or she will also help with student training and be responsible for some aspects of the lab maintenance.

Contact: medelmann@ufl.edu

Submitted by Mariola Edelmann, Department of Microbiology and Cell Science

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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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Postdoc HR Issues:

Insurance and Benefits: If you have questions about benefits enrollment or eligibility, please contact UF's [Human Resource Services'](#) 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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