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## Environmental Monitoring

UF's Biotility is offering the short-course *Environmental Monitoring* (December 4), and UF postdocs are welcome at our reduced rate of \$25 each. This course is typically taken by industry professionals, or anyone interested in working 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.

A requirement for the production of biopharmaceutical products is to ensure freedom from contamination by adventitious agents such as bacteria, fungi,

mycoplasma and viruses. Contamination issues may impact product safety and lead to lengthy investigations and costly recalls. Environmental monitoring of cleanrooms and adjacent areas is a critical component of a company's contamination control strategy and is required for regulatory compliance. Participants in this course will be introduced to the principles of environmental monitoring including hands-on activities. Topics encompass regulatory requirements, types and sources of contamination, cleanroom classifications, sampling methods and frequencies, interpretation of environmental testing results, and types of cleanroom microorganisms.

**DATE:** December 4, 2015

**TIME:** 1:00 p.m. - 5:00

For postdocs, please select "pay by check" and enter "\$25 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=7579>

Please feel free to contact Tamara Mandell with any questions!  
[tmandell@cerhb.ufl.edu](mailto:tmandell@cerhb.ufl.edu) or 386-462-6397.

*Submitted by Tamara Mandell, UF CERHB*

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## L'Oréal USA for Women In Science Fellowship: Application Opens November 30, 2015

The L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science program recognizes and rewards the contributions women make in STEM fields and identifies exceptional women researchers committed to serving as role models for younger generations. More than 2,250 women scientists in over 110 countries have been recognized since the program began in 1998.

In the US, the For Women In Science fellowship program awards five post-doctoral women scientists annually with grants of \$60,000 each. Applicants are selected from a variety of fields, including the life and physical/material sciences, technology (including computer science), engineering, and mathematics.

Applications will open on November 30, 2015 and are due by February 5, 2016.

The application and more information about the L'Oréal USA For Women in Science program can be found at [www.lorealusa.com/forwomeninscience](http://www.lorealusa.com/forwomeninscience).

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please e-mail Rachel Pacifico at [RPacifico@us.loreal.com](mailto:RPacifico@us.loreal.com).

*Submitted by the UF Graduate School*

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## Writing for the Public: How to Do It and Why It's Important

with Sean Trainor, Santa Fe College

Friday, 11 December from 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Pugh 120

The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere is excited to invite faculty, staff, and graduate students in the humanities to participate in our final workshop of 2015 - *Writing for the Public: How to Do It and Why It's Important*. This workshop, organized by Dr. Sean Trainor, will be held on **11 December, 2015 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm in Pugh Hall 120**. It is designed to teach participants how to effectively engage the public through their writing. For more information, please visit: <http://writingforthepublic.org/>.

The first hour of the workshop will focus on general tips and strategies for effective public writing. The second hour will involve three different break-out sessions designed to serve individual and professional needs which will explore public writing as a supplement or alternative to traditional academic careers, effective strategies for establishing professional expertise to a wider audience, and best practices for mid-career or senior scholars who wish to intervene and contribute to public discourse. The final hour will involve participants either choosing to join a moderated discussion with a panel of six professionals, or the opportunity to workshop a piece of writing.

To register, please email the Humanities Center ([humanities-center@ufl.edu](mailto:humanities-center@ufl.edu)). Please note any dietary restrictions since refreshments will be served and there will be a reception after the workshop. **Due to space restrictions, please register as soon as possible to guarantee yourself a spot in the workshop.**

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

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

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