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NRC Research Associateship Programs

The mission of the [NRC Research Associateship Programs \(RAP\)](#) is to promote excellence in scientific and technological research conducted by the U.S. government through the administration of programs offering graduate, postdoctoral, and senior level research opportunities at sponsoring federal laboratories and affiliated institutions.

In these programs, prospective applicants select a research project or projects from among the large group of opportunities listed on this website. Prior to completing an application, prospective applicants should contact the proposed

Research Adviser to assure that funding will be available if their application is recommended by NRC Research Associateship Program panels. Once mutual interest is established between a prospective applicant and a Research Adviser, an application is submitted through the NRC Research Associateship Programs WebRAP system. Reviews are conducted four times each year, and review results are available approximately six-eight weeks following the application deadline.

Prospective applicants should carefully read the details and eligibility of the program to which they are applying. Some laboratories have citizenship restrictions (open only to U.S. citizens and permanent residents), and some laboratories have research opportunities that are not open to senior applicants (more than 5 years beyond the Ph.D.). When searching for research opportunities, applicants may limit their search to only those laboratories which match their eligibility criteria. In addition, applicants should note application deadlines, as not all laboratories participate in all reviews.

For information on eligibility, stipends, and how to apply, visit <http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/rap/>.

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***Imagining Florida: The Place We Call Home* 2016 Spring Humanities Series Kicks Off Jan. 9**

The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere warmly invites UF Faculty to its annual spring series *Imagining Florida: The Place We Call Home*. Reflecting the Center's 2015-16 focus on publics, this year's series explores the public work of the humanities, within and beyond the academy. Co-curated with community partners across Gainesville, it asks how the humanities infuse our everyday lives and especially, our experiences of "home" in Florida.

Imagining Florida features five lectures and discussions, each showcasing different humanistic disciplines. Running between January and April 2016, all events are free and encourage public participation. The series kicks off on Jan. 9 at 2:30pm with award-winning Gainesville author Lauren Groff, at the Alachua County Library District, Headquarters Branch. Groff will discuss her recent novel *Fates and Furies*, as well as the uses of reading and writing to create a sense of place.

For details on this event and the rest of the series, please visit <http://www.humanities.ufl.edu/calendar-2016-Spring-Speaker-Series.html> or find *Imagining Florida* on Facebook.

Submitted by Jordana Cox, Postdoctoral Associate, Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere

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Empowering Women In Technology Startups (eWITS)

Research shows women wait to be invited to participate in new opportunities.

Consider yourself invited to what could be one of the most empowering programs of your life. The next session of the popular **Empowering Women in Technology Startups (eWiTS)** program kicks off this spring with the goal of introducing women to entrepreneurial skills necessary for creating companies. A brief talk by an experienced female entrepreneur will follow a program overview. Refreshments will be served. Please register to ensure we have adequate food and drink.

Please register for only one information session.

[March 4, 3 pm to 5 pm](#)

[March 18, 3 pm to 5 pm](#)

Location: Florida Innovation Hub at UF, 747 SW 2nd Ave., Gainesville

Register for an info session at ewits.org

or contact

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[Judges Needed for the 3-Minute Thesis \(3MT\) Competition](#)

The University of Florida Graduate School in collaboration with the Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) is hosting its third annual Three Minute Thesis Competition. The competition challenges doctoral (Ph.D. or Ed.D) students to present their dissertation research to a non-technical audience in 3 minutes or less. Along with helping graduate students hone their communication and presentation skills, winners will be awarded cash prizes.

We are requesting volunteer judges! Preliminary heats will be held March 8th-15th and the final competition will be held March 29th. If you are interested in judging the competition please email Britney Sheffield at bsheffield@aa.ufl.edu.

For more information, please visit <http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/about-us/offices/division-of-graduate-student-affairs-dgsa/graduate-professional-development-ogpd/3mt/>

Submitted by Britney Sheffield, Division of Graduate Student Affairs

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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.

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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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