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## Postdoctoral and Early Career Awards through the Fulbright Scholar Program

Dedicated [postdoctoral awards](#) are available in 13 countries, allowing postdoctoral scholars to obtain important international experience, build important networks, and gain critical research experience. Award benefits,

duration and themes vary, prospective applicants are encouraged to read the award descriptions carefully. In addition to the postdoctoral awards, many awards are designed in an open, broad manner and accept applications from early career individuals.

CIES (Council for International Exchange of Scholars) will be hosting a [webinar](#) on **May 19, at 2pm EDT**, to discuss some of the opportunities available to postdoctoral and early career candidates. Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend the webinar, and review [eligibility criteria](#) - **U.S. citizenship is required** at the time of application.

*Submitted by Hilary Hartley, Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program*

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## UF Informatics Institute (UFII) 2017 Fellowship Programs Now Open for Submission

In an effort to further our mission to develop and nurture integrative informatics research and education studies at the University of Florida, the Informatics Institute is offering 1 year fellowship awards to support Post-Doctoral candidates in furthering their training and education in research in a [UFII thrust area](#) at the University of Florida. The award is intended to be a **supplement of support** for a Post-Doctoral Associate **already selected and/or employed** by their College, Department, or mentoring PI.

All Post-Doctoral Associates supported by the program will be provided an office for 1 year at UFII in order to foster the secondary goal of the program, promoting interdisciplinary communication and collaboration to help solve challenging problems. After the year the Post-Doctoral Associate will be moved to and supported by their sponsoring PI's department.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 4-5 Awards

**Available funds for Awards:** Approximately \$120,000 is available for new awards.

**Submission Deadline:** June 15th, 2016 5:00 PM EST

**Earliest Start Date:** August 22nd, 2016

To apply and for additional information, please go to <https://informatics.institute.ufl.edu/ufii-programs/ufii-fellows-program/post-doctoral-fellowship-program/>

*Submitted by Alethea Geiger, UF Informatics Institute*

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The UF College of Veterinary Medicine's dermatology research group are recruiting dogs for a number of clinical studies. In particular we are recruiting:

- Dogs with allergic skin disease (canine atopic dermatitis) which do not have concurrent skin infections (all breeds, but particularly Golden Retrievers and Australian Shepherd dogs) for a clinical trial of probiotics, fecal microbiota transplant or placebo.
- Healthy and allergic Golden Retrievers and Australian Shepherd dogs for a study of fecal microbiota and gut permeability.

Please see the College's Veterinary Research page for more details of the studies currently recruiting: <http://research.vetmed.ufl.edu/clinical-trials/small-animal/>

*Submitted by Nicky Craig, College of Veterinary Medicine*

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## GatorCare Blue Rewards



GatorCare is rolling out a new incentive program called Blue Rewards, which allows subscribers to earn points and get rewarded for healthy behaviors.

### Get Started Now!

- Attend an onsite Wellness Event for a personalized biometric screening, get a free lunch, and earn 100 points.**
  - The 2016 Wellness Events will be held May 9th - May 27th. Find a [location](#) near you and make your [appointment](#) today! Appointments are required in order to receive the free lunch.
  - If you miss the onsite Wellness Events or live outside of the Gainesville area, free biometric screenings will be available through Quest Diagnostics beginning June 1, 2016.
- Complete the Personal Health Assessment using your results from the biometric screening, and earn 100 points.**

The Personal Health Assessment is available through your Blue Rewards portal at [floridablue.com](http://floridablue.com) and takes about 15 minutes to complete.

- Indicate you are tobacco free on your Personal Health Assessment or complete a tobacco cessation class, and earn 50 points.**

Earn these 250 Points by September 30, 2016 and you will be entered into a GatorCare sponsored drawing for a \$50 Publix gift card!

Over 250 gift cards are available.

Additional information will be provided at the onsite wellness events and is also available on the [GatorCare Blue Rewards](#) webpage.

*Submitted by Mary Alice Albritton, GatorCare*

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## Postdoc of the Month

The Journal of Postdoctoral Research would like to encourage your continued self- and peer-nominations for our 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." We've already had two winners from UF and we hope that you are our third! For more information about the award or the journal as a whole, please see the call for nominations at [tinyurl.com/postdocaward](http://tinyurl.com/postdocaward) or email the editor-in-chief, Stephan C. Jahn (a UF postdoc), at [editor-in-chief@postdocjournal.com](mailto:editor-in-chief@postdocjournal.com)

*Submitted by Stephan Jahn, Medicinal Chemistry*

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## Postdoctoral Associate Position Available

We are looking for a postdoctoral associate. This post-doctoral associate will design and perform experiments pertaining to two different projects: (1) chemical proteomics-based analysis of enzymes in chicken and (2) study of function of human extracellular vesicles in bacterial infections. Previous experience with protein methods or molecular biology is expected. If this person has any bioinformatics or programming skills, it would be an additional bonus. We anticipate that s(he) will have an active interest in developing research project, for example by proposing novel avenues of the project, alternative approaches, and reading relevant literature. After initial training, s(he) will work independently with minimal supervision, and proactively propose and test novel ideas that are relevant to the project. Moreover, this post-doctoral associate will be also responsible for some aspects of the lab maintenance pertaining to biosafety protocols and student training. Please contact Dr. Mariola Edelmann to apply for this position: [medelmann@ufl.edu](mailto:medelmann@ufl.edu).

*Submitted by Mariola Edelmann, Microbiology and Cell Science*

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## MiCaRT Center Research Supplement Assistance Program

Florida Minority Cancer Research & Training (MiCaRT) Center  
NIH/ National Cancer Institute P20 Award (NIH/NCI P20CA192992)

RESEARCH SUPPLEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

University of Florida (UF) & Florida A&M University (FAMU)

The MiCaRT Center Research Supplement Assistance program supports the matching of cancer scientists (especially R01 investigators) with UF and FAMU minority faculty & students for the [NIH Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research \(Admin Suppl\) award](#). The support provided by the MiCaRT Center includes identifying mentors, identifying mentees, review of supplement application, etc.

We invite all potential investigators and underrepresented students (undergraduate and graduate) to complete this form:

[https://ufl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_5zKEI5xLaNq5i7j](https://ufl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5zKEI5xLaNq5i7j).

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Jenn Nguyen, MiCaRT Center Coordinator at [jennifernguyen@cop.ufl.edu](mailto:jennifernguyen@cop.ufl.edu).

*Submitted by Jenn Nguyen, MiCaRT Center*

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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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