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Postdoc Position Available Immediately - Scripps Institute

The **Valente laboratory** at The Scripps Research Institute - Florida is seeking exceptional candidates for a funded postdoctoral position, available immediately. The laboratory is mainly interested in HIV-1 latency; inhibitors of Tat-activated HIV-1 transcription; HIV-1 mRNA maturation and export; HIV capsid dimerization inhibitors (<http://www.scripps.edu/valente/>). Studies incorporate cellular and molecular virology, cell biology, primary cell culture, biochemistry, epigenetics and small molecule screening.

Requirements: Candidates must possess a Ph.D (or MD/PhD) in virology, molecular biology, cell

biology, epigenetics, biochemistry or immunology, with several international publications. The successful candidate will be expected to work in a BSL3 facility. Interested candidates should send curriculum vitae, research interest, and the name and contact information of three references to Susana T. Valente, e-mail: svalente@scripps.edu

The Scripps Research Institute-Florida

(<http://www.scripps.edu/florida/>)

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Submitted by Laura Hersch, The Scripps Research Institute

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The Parker B. Francis Fellowship Program in Pulmonary Research

The Parker B. Francis Fellowship provides research support to clinical and basic scientists embarking on careers in clinical, laboratory or translational science related to Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at a U.S. or Canadian university or research institution.

The ideal candidate is one with evidence of strong aptitude in research and who is in transition from post-doctoral trainee to independent investigator. It is essential that there be evidence of accomplishment and proficiency in research. Few applicants who are just beginning research training and have only one or two research publications are funded. Ph.D. and other non-M.D. applicants should be no more than seven years beyond completion of the doctoral degree and M.D. applicants no more than seven years beyond clinical training (i.e., residency, internship, clinical fellowship, etc.). Candidates with greater than seven years since the doctoral degree require approval for continued training from the Scientific Director of the PBF Fellowship Program. Candidates may hold any relevant doctoral degree (e.g., M.D., Ph.D., Sc.D., D.V.M., Dr. P.H.).

There are no restrictions regarding the discipline or department of the applicant. Clinical or basic science departments are suitable; however, it is expected that the proposed research will focus on lung biology or lung disease.

Individuals are not eligible for a PBF Fellowship if, at the time of application, they are or have been principal investigator on an NIH K or R series research award or other nationally competitive research award at a comparable level. Fellowships are restricted to citizens and permanent residents of the U.S. and Canada and individuals with U.S. or Canadian permanent residency applications on file with the U.S. or Canadian Immigration Services.

Mentorship of the fellow by an established investigator is required. Any established faculty scientist at a university or a not-for-profit research institution may mentor a candidate for fellowship. Mentors at government or corporate laboratories are not eligible. The mentor should be in a position to guarantee that 75 percent of a fellow's time is available for research. The mentor should be committed to fostering the candidate's career advancement and should be the primary scientific advisor. Secondary scientific mentors at the same or a different institution are encouraged but not required. Their roles should be described in the body of the application. Many fellows spend some portion of their fellowship years working with a secondary mentor at another institution.

Each department may submit only two applications annually and is limited to a maximum of three active fellowships at any one time. A mentor may only sponsor one application annually. Those interested in applying should contact their department chair as soon as possible for internal coordination. Department chairs are asked to provide the Office of Research (Attn: Jeevan Jyot, limitedprograms@research.ufl.edu) with the names of their candidates by August 26, 2016.

For UF's announcement, internal coordination details and a link to the program website, please visit:

<http://my.research.ufl.edu/ProgramDevelopment/FundingOpportunities/OpportunitiesManager.aspx?opplID=54101>

Please contact [Jeevan Jyot](#) for further information or assistance.

Submitted by Jeevan Jyot, Office of Research

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Library West to Become 24/7 Library in the Fall Semester

Beginning this fall, overnight library hours will return to Library West for fall and spring semesters. Based on student survey results, Student Government will fund and expand Library West's hours to 24/7 to meet student preferences. The extended hours will ensure that there is a dedicated study space on campus with continuous operating hours.

Printers, course reserves, group study rooms, and other resources, along with Starbucks, will also be available the same hours that the library is open. Library West features seating for approximately 1400, 16 group study rooms, dedicated graduate student study space on the sixth floor, printers and 200 computers on floors one through three. Additionally, the recently added One Button Studio enables students to create professional quality videos by simply pressing a button.

Submitted by Barbara Hood, George A. Smathers Libraries

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Become an S&T Policy Fellow

The application window is May - November 1 for the 2017-18 AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships program.

AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships (STPF) provide opportunities to outstanding scientists and engineers to learn first-hand about policymaking while contributing their knowledge and analytical skills to the federal policymaking process. Fellows serve yearlong assignments in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the federal government in Washington. Each year, the program adds to a growing corps over 3,000 strong of policy-savvy leaders working across academia, government, nonprofits, and industry to serve the nation and the world.

Gain hands-on policy experience in a challenging assignment. This fellowship is a transformative career opportunity. Fellows are a respected and coveted cadre in the federal policy arena. See what fellows learn and accomplish in our newsletter, [Fellowship Focus](#).

Become a member of an influential network of fellows. The AAAS S&T Policy Fellow network is a powerful force in every realm: government, industry, academia, and the nonprofit sector. Current fellows convene regularly for [Professional Development](#) events, participate in [Affinity Groups](#), and network, collaborate and share resources. Alumni participate in a number of activities including symposia, networking, and Affinity Groups. All fellows use [FellowsCentral](#), a password-protected online community, to connect and collaborate with each other via listservs, a blog, discussion forums, and more.

Receive a stipend of \$75-100,000 per year, along with other [support](#) including reimbursement for health care insurance.

For more information and to apply, go to <http://www.aaas.org/page/stpf/become-st-policy-fellow>

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The GatorCare Wellness Event Is Over, Now What?



Be sure to complete your personal health assessment using your numbers from your biometric screening. Remember, this is **required in order to be entered into the drawing**. If you are having problems logging in

or completing your personal health assessment, let us help:

Sit down one-on-one with a representative to set up your account and complete your Personal Health Assessment.

- Tuesday, June 14 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Room 2149 (Computer Lab) of the North Tower at UF Health Shands
- Thursday, June 23 from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m., Room 2149 (Computer Lab) of the North Tower at UF Health Shands

No appointment is necessary! Bring your results from your biometric screening. Please note: parking vouchers will not be provided.

Or

Contact GatorCare at gatorcare@shands.ufl.edu with any questions you may have.

Still need to complete your biometric screening?

If you missed last month's Wellness Event, don't fret. Between June 1 and August 31, GatorCare subscribers are eligible for a free biometric screening at any Quest Diagnostics location in Gainesville. Visit the [GatorCare Blue Rewards](#) page for more information.

Both the biometric screening and the personal health assessment are required in order to be entered into the drawing for the \$50 Publix gift card! Over 250 cards are available.

Submitted by Mary Alice Albritton, GatorCare

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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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