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New Postdoc Orientation 2016

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to announce that registration is now available for the 2016 New Postdoc Orientation on Monday, August 22, 2016. The orientation will be held at the Reitz Union in the Grand Ballroom and will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will last until 3:15 p.m. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. The orientation is not mandatory.

The orientation includes presentations from UF resources and VP offices such as UF Libraries, General Counsel's Office, Office of Research, Employee Legal Services, GatorCare Health Insurance, Human Resource Services, and International Postdoc Resources.

You must register in order to attend. Please go to

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-postdoc-orientation-2016-tickets-26372754619> to register to attend.

The last day to register to attend is Sunday, August 14th.

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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 (August 23-26)*, 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: August 23-26, 2016

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 Joanne Lopez, CERHB

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National Postdoctoral Association Accepting Nominations for 2017 Mentor Award

The National Postdoctoral Association (NPA), in partnership with [Garnett-Powers](#)

[& Associates, Inc.](#), would like to announce the call for nominations for the **2017 NPA Garnett-Powers & Associates, Inc. Mentor Award**. The award recognizes a faculty member who has engaged in exceptional mentoring of postdoctoral scholars. The deadline for submission is **Monday, August 22, 2016**.

The award recognizes a faculty member who has engaged in exceptional mentoring of postdoctoral scholars as exhibited by the following:

- Has advocated for postdoctoral scholars.
- Has been accessible and provided open lines of communication to postdoctoral scholars.
- Has created a supportive environment for research; has shown respect for the postdoctoral scholars' goals and assisted them in fulfilling those goals.
- Has provided them guidance in professional development, including, for example, encouraging the use of the [Core Competencies](#) for self-assessment and guidance, completing an individual development plan, and assisting the postdoctoral scholars in building a professional network through generous sharing of contacts.
- Has demonstrated a sustained commitment to creating a productive working environment that enhances the overall postdoctoral experience.

Continue [here](#) for details on submitting a nomination. **Only postdocs are eligible to make nominations.**

The recipient of the NPA Garnett-Powers & Associates, Inc. Mentor Award will receive a plaque, an honorarium of \$500, complimentary registration to the 2017 Annual Meeting, and a \$1,000 travel stipend. The award will be presented at the [15th NPA Annual Meeting](#), March 17-19, 2017.

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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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