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Forum on F32 Postdoctoral Fellowships from NIH (National Research Service Awards)

F32 fellowships are competitive and prestigious grants awarded by the National Institutes of Health to individual postdoctoral researchers to support scientific training and career development. The award pays the full NIH-recommended stipend for postdocs based on years of postdoctoral experience as well as additional funds for health care expenses and professional development, including conference and travel costs. Importantly, receipt of this award can help postdoctoral trainees to build a track record of funding and support from the NIH that is essential for success in a career as an independent scientist. If you are interested to learn more about preparing a successful F32 application, join us on Tuesday September 13th at 3PM in the DeWeese Auditorium of the McKnight Brain Institute. This Fellowship Forum will be led by Dr. Thomas Pearson,

Executive Vice-President of for Research and Education at the University of Florida Health Sciences Center, and also include a panel of F32 fellows and mentors to provide additional insight and field questions from the audience. Postdocs, mentors and other department personnel involved in grant submission are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please register to attend https://ufl.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_dd0oVgLC1TWBiuh

Contact Dr. Joseph McQuail with questions (jmcquail@ufl.edu).

Submitted by Joseph McQuail, Postdoc Development Workshop Chair

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September Postdoctoral Social

Big thanks to those who came out for our first social of the year at Original American Kitchen. The turnout was great! I estimated about 12-15 people showed up. We had so much fun that we forgot to take pictures, but we walked away with gator and catfish facts. We will try to hold monthly socials in order to break the monotony of lab and meetings. I will do my best to locate events around town that best showcases Gainesville, but I am always open to simply meeting over some drinks at one of the local breweries.

Our next social will be held at **Curia at the Drag** (<http://curiaonthedrag.com/>) on **September 24th (Saturday) from 1p-4p**. On this day, the coffee/beer/wine bar is hosting their **AM/PM event** (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1826631997617705/>). The event is FREE admission, and will boast music, lawn games, beverages, hourly espresso tasting, beverages, and food (Humble Wood Fire Pizza). The event is family friendly, so feel free to invite other friends and family. Additional information about the event can be found their FB page (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1826631997617705/>).

Backup Social: In case of rain, we will meet up at First Magnitude same time.

If you have any questions, or would like to pitch a social event, feel free to contact me (cruytingco@ufl.edu). If you need a ride to an event, please refer to the UF Postdocs FB page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/477819595568463/?fref=nf>).

Submitted by Cedric Uytingco, Postdoc Social Chair

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Blue Rewards Closes Sept. 30

GatorCare subscribers can get rewarded for healthy behaviors through the Blue Rewards program.

Those who received their biometric screening (either at an onsite event in May or at a Quest Diagnostics lab before August 31) should log in to their Blue Rewards portal to take their personal health assessment and become eligible for entrance into a drawing to win one of 200+ \$50 Publix gift cards! The drawing will take place in October.

Get Started Now!

1. Login or register at floridablue.com
2. Click Health & Wellness, then Discounts & Rewards, then "Learn more" in the Earn Blue Rewards box
3. Take your personal health assessment

Personal health assessment must be completed by September 30.

Additional information is available on the [GatorCare Blue Rewards](#) page.

Submitted by Morgan Papworth, Florida Blue

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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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