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Deadline in 3 Days!

Abstract submission deadline for the 2017 Annual Research Symposium is Friday, March 31st! Register to present either an oral presentation or poster presentation by completing the abstract submission form (enter GatorLink User Name and Password when prompted) by March 31, 2017.

Oral Presentation first place winner receives $200. Oral Presentation second place winner receives $100. The four winners for poster presentations - from four separate judging groups receive $75 each.

The 2017 Annual Postdoc Research Symposium will be held on Friday, April 14th from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Emerson Alumni Hall at the University of Florida. The goal of the University of Florida Postdoctoral Research Symposium is to promote the research of UF postdocs and to provide avenues for continued professional development as set outlined by the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA). Communication Skills and Professionalism are two of the six Core Competencies the NPA (National Postdoctoral Association) promotes as critical to postdoc success. Postdocs in both oral and poster presentations will be judged on how well they can convey their research to an educated lay audience.

Register to attend no later than April 3, 2017!

Schedule:

- 11:00-11:30 AM - Registrant Check-In
- 11:30-11:35 AM - Welcome
- 11:35-1:15 PM - Postdoc Oral Presentations and Judging - 15 minutes for each participant (10 minute presentation, 5 minute questions and transition). Can accommodate up to 6 presenters with 10 minute break in the middle.
- 1:15-2:30 PM - Lunch
- 2:30-3:30 PM - Poster Presentations and Judging
- 3:30-4:30 PM - Presentation of Awards
Postdoc Workshop - March 29, 2017, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Please join former UF Postdoc Cheryl Rock, for her workshop, "The Secret Formula to Creating a Tenure Track Professorship Application Package that Gets Noticed".

Presenter: Cheryl Rock, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Food Science and Nutrition, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) 90840

Workshop Description: The overall objective of this workshop is to provide useful job preparation suggestions, guidance, and resources to post-doctoral fellows as well as graduate students seeking tenure-track professorship. From past experiences in (1) graduate school, (2) as a post-doctoral fellow and (3) currently in academia, it is observed that students in Ph.D. programs or Post Docs spend an inordinate amount of time mastering the content of their fields and research, not developing a concrete plan for securing an academic job. Consequently, this lack of foresight and planning can thwart future employment or may sabotage it as a result of a poorly designed curriculum vitae (CV), weak interview or professional portfolio. Through this workshop, Ph.D. graduates or post-doctoral fellows will gain the tools to confidently proceed—successfully overcoming obstacles by acquiring the secret formula in seeking a tenure track professorship.

Workshop Objectives:

The specific objectives of this workshop is to encourage and empower applicants to be self-assured, proactive participants in the employment-search process by:

1. Discussing crucial stages to secure/obtain academic employment—including, among others, preparing to teach, writing cover letters, constructing a CV and portfolio, researching job opportunities, interviewing and following-up.
2. Presenting general examples of correspondence associated with the job search (e.g., emails and telephone calls before and after the interview, thank you notes and follow-up inquiries, letters of offer at the negotiation stage, interview questions, questions to ask at the negotiation stage.
3. Discussing professional and business etiquette, which is very significant to the success of the applicant.

The workshop will be held in room 3320 of the Reitz Union on Wednesday, March 29th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please register to attend here.

March Postdoc Social

The turnout for last month's Postdoctoral Social was spectacular. Let's try to keep up the momentum with this month's Social on Friday (March 31st, 2017) from 5:30p to 7:30p at The Midnight near downtown. Surely some beverages justifies a budget cut.

For directions and additional information about The Midnight please refer to their yelp page (https://m.yelp.com/biz/the-midnight-gainesville).

Backup Social: In case of rain, the social will relocate to First Magnitude. See FB page for updates.

If you have any questions, or would like to pitch a social event, feel free to contact me (cruyttingco@ufl.edu). If you need a ride to an event, please refer to the UF Postdocs FB page (https://www.facebook.com/groups/47781959568463/?fref=nf).

Submitted by Cedric Uytingco, Postdoc Social Chair
“Understanding Technology Transfer” by Ammon B. Peck, Ph.D., Professor and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, UF College of Veterinary Medicine.

April 7, 2017
Noon to 1:00 pm
Communicore Room C1-11

Two decades of explosive growth in biomedical science have quietly revolutionized the role of academic investigators in the commercialization of research results. Patent applications for promising discoveries are now filed routinely by research universities, and through a process known as technology transfer, these patents are licensed to companies for development into marketable products or services. This seminar will provide a faculty perspective and overview of the technology transfer information most important to academic scientists, such as the role of the Office of Technology & Licensing, ways in which intellectual property (IP) is protected, and the process for bringing an invention to market.

Register here
Submitted by Susan Gardner, CTSI

Empowering Women in Tech Startups (Ewits®) Info Session

Research shows that 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 in Fall of 2017 with the goal of introducing women to entrepreneurial skills necessary for creating companies. You don’t need to be technology-focused to participate, the only requirement is a bachelor’s degree! To find out more, visit ewits.org!

Register for the April information session now

Thursday, April 13 from 3 to 4 PM
Refreshments to follow
Location: Innovation Hub at UF, 747 SW 2nd Avenue, Gainesville
Parking is available in the Innovation Square parking lot located next to the building. Parking restrictions will be lifted for this event.

NOTE: The next session of Ewits will be held in Fall 2017.

(Attendance at the informational session is not mandatory to apply for the program - this is an opportunity for you to learn more.)

If you have any questions please email innovationhub@research.ufl.edu

Submitted by Kathleen Sohar, Office of Technology Licensing

Interested in a Career in the Bioscience Industry?

Check out Biotility's certificate short course Core Concepts in Biomanufacturing and Quality Systems: Applications of cGMPs

This 2-day, certificate short 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 process, facilities, quality systems, and documentation to build a solid understanding of the development, manufacture, testing, and release of a regulated product. This specialty course is offered at a reduced rate and additional discounts do not apply. (Class size is limited to 20)

DATE: Thursday & Friday, April 6th & 7th      TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
REGISTRATION FEE: $250
And don’t forget to stop by our booth at the BioFlorida annual Celebration of Biotechnology on May 4th in lovely Alachua!

Submitted by Joanne Lopez, CERHB

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.

Submitted by Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Postdoc HR Issues:

Insurance and Benefits: If you have questions about benefits enrollment or eligibility, please contact UF’s Human Resource Services GA and Post Doc Associate 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 Mr. Brook Mercier in Employee Relations in UF’s Human Resource Services. Mr. Mercier can be reached at 392-1072 or bmercier@ufl.edu.

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

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

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Reminder: FREE Affiliate NPA Membership

If you would like to receive an invitation 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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