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# Postdoctoral Update

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### New Postdoc Orientation Registration Now Open

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to announce that registration is now available for the 2017 New Postdoc Orientation on Monday, September 18, 2017. The orientation will be held at the Reitz Union in the Rion Ballroom. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast and conclude at 3:45 p.m. (lunch will be provided).

The orientation is not mandatory.

New Postdoc Orientation includes presentations from UF resource and VP offices such as UF Libraries, General Council, Office of Research, UF Information Technology, GatorCare Health Insurance, UF Benefits, and International Postdoc Resources.

You must register in order to attend. Please go to [https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6hCpsqPWZjVWScR](https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6hCpsqPWZjVWScR) to register to attend. The last day to register is Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs*

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### Using HiPerGator and UF's Research Computing Consulting Resources

HiPerGator, UF's supercomputer, is currently ranked [#3 among U.S. public universities](#). Research Computing staff are available to help you with the process of establishing your HiPerGator account,

explain the different online and in-person resources available on campus, and recommend free training offered by UFIT to make the most of your research time.

Visit UF Research Computing's "[Getting Started](#)" page to learn how to get a HiPerGator account. In addition to offices in the New Physics Building, Research Computing staff hold walk-in hours each Wednesday in UF's Informatics Institute. Learn more in the [2017-2018 Research Computing Services brochure](#).

*Submitted by Erik Deumens, UF Information Technology*

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## UF Postdoc Editors Association

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is conducting a survey to measure interest for and feasibility to establish a postdoctoral editing group. The "UF Postdoctoral Editors Association" would be comprised of postdoctoral associates and fellows and sponsored by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs. This group will enhance scholarly communication by assisting postdoctoral authors with editing of written documents for language usage, punctuation, and organization. This service will be most advantageous to postdoctoral scholars for whom English is a second language, but the service will be open and free to all postdoctoral associates and fellows at the University of Florida. Our goal will be to facilitate postdoc-mentor interactions during the writing process by minimizing time spent on basic writing skills. Our volunteer editors would primarily review submissions for clarity of meaning; we would offer no or minimal scientific review of manuscripts because this content should reflect critical thinking of the postdoctoral scholar and their mentor(s).

Please complete this short survey to indicate interest or to volunteer:

[https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bvVTbm72ZSslbzf](https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bvVTbm72ZSslbzf)

*Submitted by Joseph McQuail, Postdoc Development Workshop Chair*

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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](#)' GA and Post Doc Associate 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 Mr. Brook Mercier in Employee Relations in UF's [Human Resource Services](#). Mr. Mercier can be reached at 392-1072 or [bmercier@ufl.edu](mailto:bmercier@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)

*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.

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