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Deadline Thursday - Postdoc Mentoring Awards 2017-2018

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to announce the continuation of the Postdoctoral Mentoring Awards for outstanding mentors of UF postdocs. The mentoring awards were established to encourage and reward excellence, innovation, and effectiveness in mentoring UF postdocs.

Please apply using the [application for the 2017-2018 award](#).

Information about past award recipients is on the [Postdoc Mentoring Awards website](#).

If you wish to nominate an outstanding faculty member for the award, please email [Cheryl Gater](#) with the nominee's contact information.

The application deadline is *November 30, 2017*.

Submitted by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

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How the Equifax Break Affects You

In September, Equifax revealed a massive data breach that exposed the personal information of more than 140 million Americans. Because of this breach, your social security number, driver's license number, credit card numbers, date of birth, and address could now be on the [dark web](#). Even if you don't have credit cards in your own name, your personal information could be part of the hack! If your personal information was stolen it can impact your future, including paying higher mortgage rates, or having

someone use your social security number to e-File and get your tax refund. Here are some steps you should take now to mitigate this data breach:

- Verify - Visit [Equifax](#) to confirm whether your personal information was breached. Equifax is providing free monitoring to those impacted.
- Review your credit reports - Everyone is entitled to a free annual copy of their credit report. To request one, go directly to [AnnualCreditReport.com](#).
- Stay Alert! The impact of this breach will be felt for years to come. Monitor your bank and credit card statements and be skeptical about emails offering to fix your credit. These "credit fix" emails are likely a phishing attempt.
- The Federal Trade Commission has set up a [consumer's webpage](#) with up-to-date information. Check out their recommendations.
- The Information Security Office launched a new [Welcome page](#) this fall, and it's a great place to learn about the basics of staying safe online.

Submitted by Rob Adams, UF Information Technology

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'Be a Mentor not a Tormentor' Workshop

Thursday 14th December

12-2pm, 1031 Steinmetz Hall

Workshop leader: Dr Roger Fillingim, Distinguished Professor, UF College of Dentistry

Effective mentoring is critical to enable the next generation of scientists to continue advancing scientific discovery. However, most researchers receive no training in mentoring best practices. This interactive workshop will review characteristics of successful mentors and mentoring relationships and will discuss practices that enhance the quality of mentoring. Discussions of case scenarios will then be used to promote application of the principles outlined.

[Click here to register to attend!](#)

Submitted by Joseph McQuail, Postdoc Development Workshop Chair

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Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere Call for Proposals

The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere is pleased to announce its call for proposals for 2017-2018. These programs will be supported by the Robert and Margaret Rothman Endowment for the Humanities, the Humanities Fund, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Tedder Endowed Research Award in the Humanities. The Center encourages proposal submissions from faculty (and, in relevant instances, graduate students and staff) from disciplines across the humanities at the University of Florida.

Each announcement below includes one or two links with information outlining the application procedures. Any queries about these initiatives may be sent to the Humanities Center Interim Director Dr. Barbara Mennel. Completed proposals should be submitted through online submission.

More information can be found at <http://www.humanities.ufl.edu/proposals.html>.

Proposals:

Library Enhancement Program in the Humanities

Deadline: 5 January, 2018

Interdisciplinary Team-Teaching in the Humanities

Deadline: 5 January, 2018

Tedder Family Doctoral Fellowships and Rothman Doctoral Fellowships in the Humanities

Deadline: 12 January, 2018

Support for Workshops and Speaker Series in the Humanities

Deadline: 19 January, 2018

Rothman Faculty Summer Fellowships in the Humanities

Deadline: 16 February, 2018

Programs in the Public Humanities

Statement of Intent Deadline: 9 February, 2018

Final Proposal Deadline: 2 March, 2018

Publication Subvention

Rolling deadline

Intersections Research Into Teaching Grant

Deadline: 2 April, 2018

Submitted by Maggie Collins, Center for the Humanities and Public Sphere

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Postdoc Editors Association

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to announce the creation of the University of Florida's Postdoctoral Editors Association (UF-PEA), a service to help postdocs who seek to improve English grammar and writing style. The UF-PEA is comprised of postdoc volunteers from multiple colleges across the University who will offer preliminary review of manuscripts, grant applications, posters, slides and other scholarly presentations. While this service will be most useful to postdocs who speak English as a second language, the service is free and open to all postdocs at UF. Our editors will provide feedback on structure and style of writing, but refrain from commenting on scholarship which is best honed by interactions between the postdoc and their mentor. UF-PEA will facilitate higher level postdoc-mentor interactions by reducing time spent on basic writing needs.

[Find out more or submit a document for review at our website!](#)

Submitted by Joseph McQuail, Postdoc Editors Association Editor-in-Chief

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Postdoc Funding Opportunities

Multiple Postdoctoral Positions in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics

Position Description:

Post-doctoral fellow positions in computational biology focusing on gene expression. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory invites applications for post-doctoral positions in the laboratory of Dr. Jesse Gillis and colleagues. The successful candidates will join a team at CSHL working to understand the molecular and functional basis of cellular properties, focusing on mammalian brains. This is a largescale project involving a number of complementary positions, ranging from bioinformatics, to neuroscience, to molecular genetics. While the focus of the position is computational, all projects involve substantial collaboration with wet-lab researchers generating unique data. This interdisciplinary work offers opportunities to address important questions in computational biology and neuroscience with first access to large novel data sets from single-cell RNA-seq. The expected duration of the position is approximately 3-5 years with renewal at the end of each year.

A major conceptual focus of the project will be developing new ways of assessing large-scale data for replicable signals. This position offers substantial scope for training for candidates interested in making a leap from computer science, neuroscience or genetics to data-focused research, particularly if it has arisen informally in their previous work.

In addition to a collaborative focus within the project itself, successful applicants will enjoy a wide range of educational opportunities at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory is a world-renowned research and educational institution with programs in cancer, neuroscience, plant biology, genomics and bioinformatics. The Laboratory is recognized internationally for its excellence in research and educational activities.

Position Requirements:

This research sits at the intersection of three research areas: Computational analysis, genetics, and neuroscience. A strong candidate would have expertise in two out of the three areas and an interest in learning about the third. While a broad range of backgrounds are suitable for this position, a PhD in bioinformatics or computational biology is desirable.

A particular focus of our methodological research is replicability and meta-analysis and an interest in these areas is helpful. Experience with either Matlab or R is a plus.

Exceptional applicants without a formal computational background will also be considered, particularly if they are familiar with standard bioinformatics tools.

Please include a letter of interest outlining your research accomplishments and include the contact information of three references. Applications can be sent directly to JGillis@cshl.edu.

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Additionally, on the [Resources](#) page of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs website, the Funding Opportunities page lists different funding opportunities 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 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.

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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 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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