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Postdoctoral Update

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Center for Stress Resilient Agriculture launching Accelerate to Industry (A2i) Initiative

The Center for Stress Resilient Agriculture (CSRA) is launching a new initiative, **A2i (Accelerate to Industry)**, this August. It is a 3-day symposium where five companies (including FL Crystals and Syngenta) will come to UF and discuss **preparation for transitioning from academia to industry**. The event will include presentations, workshops, panel discussions, and interview sessions – all led by industry representatives. We are looking to recruit a group of 25-30 graduate students and postdocs.

The inaugural UF-A2i will be held on Monday 8/13 through Wednesday 8/15

This is an intensive experiential learning opportunity that helps prepare UF graduate students and postdocs for non-academic careers.

UF-A2i highlights include

- Networking sessions and career panels
- Roundtable discussions

- Skills training workshops
- CV and interview feedback sessions

Apply Now, registration is limited to 30 participants!

For more information contact James Estrada.

Submitted by James Estrada, Center for Stress Resilient Agriculture

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Translational GlycOmics (Translational Glyc*O*) Program for Career Development in Glycoscience

In 2018, the NHLBI established a national consortium of four sites to focus on career development of the next generation of biomedical investigators in glycoscience. The ultimate goal of the consortium is to push glycoscience from a niche research area into the forefront of mainstream medical research.

The **Translational Glyc*O* Program** is a cross-disciplinary program for postdoctoral (MD, MD/PhD, and PhD) scholars at our institutions:

- Blood Research Institute, Translational Glycomics Center - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Medical College of Wisconsin- Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center - Buffalo, New York
- Virginia Commonwealth University - Richmond, Virginia.

Successful applicants to the program must commit at least 2 years of comprehensive glycoscience training including clinical applicability, while completing mentored research under the direction of one of the core primary mentors.

Find out more.

Submitted by Christina Daniels, BloodCenter of Wisconsin

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Postdoc Awards & Honors

Dr. Star Booker Receives Distinguished Recognition for Work in Pain Disparities and Symptom Science Research

Dr. Booker, PhD, RN is a post-doctoral fellow in the College of Dentistry and is being mentored by Dr. Roger Fillingim, Dr. Ann Horgas, and Dr. Kim Sibille. Dr. Booker has received several recent awards for her work and commitment to pain disparities research in older African Americans. Awards include: Outstanding Young Alumni from Grambling State University (October 2017), Robert A. Levitt Award in Aging Research (First Place, April 2018), and Symptom Science Research Interest Group Dissertation Award from the Midwest Nursing Research Society (April 2018). In addition, Dr. Booker has been selected

to attend the North American Pain School in late June 2018 and the Health Disparities Research Institute at the NIH in July 2018. These training opportunities will provide leading-edge skills/resources, knowledge, and mentorship to advance Dr. Booker's career as an early stage investigator. Dr. Booker's current work seeks to understand movement-evoked pain and physical function in aging African Americans with osteoarthritis and to determine best practices for self-management of chronic pain.

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Dr. Natasha Weatherspoon-Griffin Awarded Travel Grant

Natasha Weatherspoon-Griffin, an EGH postdoctoral researcher in Tony Maurelli's lab, received a travel grant to attend the Wind River Conference on Prokaryotic Biology in Estes Park, CO in June 2018. This diverse, international meeting highlights research investigating the biology and pathology of prokaryotic and lower eukaryotic organisms. Natasha gave an oral presentation about her ongoing characterization of recently emerged Shiga toxin-producing *Shigella flexneri* strains that have epidemiological links to the island of Hispañola. These strains pose a threat to public health since Shiga-toxin producing bacteria have been directly associated with bloody diarrhea and hemolytic uremic syndrome, a severe and life-threatening kidney damaging sequela. Natasha's work demonstrated that while high iron conditions prevent Shiga toxin production in traditional Shiga toxin-producing bacteria, these recently emerged strains have mechanistically lost this iron response and, consequently, continuously produce Shiga toxin. This gives rise to speculation that these newly emerged strains will pose a serious problem to public health.

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First McKnight Brain Institute Trainee Enhancement Opportunity Award Winners Announced

Congratulations to the first recipients of the McKnight Brain Institute Trainee Enhancement Opportunities, or MBI-TEOs, awards. The MBI established these awards to allow doctoral and post-doctoral trainees the opportunity to pursue training in neuroscience that extend beyond what a traditional training environment offers.

Aprinda Indahlastari, Ph.D., a postdoctoral associate in Dr. Adam Woods' laboratory in the Department of Clinical and Health Psychology is one of the three MBI TEO Award recipients. The award has given Dr. Indahlastari the opportunity to attend hands-on imaging courses related to functional MRI. The knowledge gained from these courses will be used in her research to investigate the effects of non-invasive brain stimulation on cognitive aging.

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Reminders

Submit Postdoc Awards & Honors Announcements

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs wants to promote your achievements. Please send notification of postdoc awards and achievements to Lily Lewis or submit a Postdoctoral Achievements Submission Form. Postdoc Award announcements will be included in the weekly UF Postdoctoral Update Newsletter and Awards and other Achievements (such as publications) will be featured on the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs website.

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Submit your UF Postdoc Profile

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is in the process of updating our website and we want to highlight our current postdocs. We invite you to submit content for your profile and let us help you enhance your online professional presence. The online submission form can be found here and current profiles can be viewed here. Note that a professional style profile picture is required. If you do not have a photo, contact Lily Lewis to schedule your photo shoot prior to submitting your profile. Please feel free to contact Lily Lewis if you have any comments or questions about the submission form or would like assistance crafting your content.

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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 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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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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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 Lily Lewis to receive an invitation.

More information.

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