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Reminder:

All University of Florida employees on an appointment as a Postdoctoral Associate or Postdoctoral Fellow may enroll in the PostDocCare health plan online at www.hr.ufl.edu/benefits/post_doc_care/enroll.asp. Enrollment must be completed within 30 days of the employee's date of hire, regardless of the Post Doc's status in the PeopleSoft system.

[More info](#)

GatorCare Options health plan available to postdocs July 1

Beginning July 1, the University of Florida's insurance plan for postdoctoral associates and postdoctoral fellows will be provided through [GatorCare](#), UF's new self-insured health plan.

Postdoctoral associates, postdoctoral fellows and dependents who are currently enrolled in PostDocCare will be automatically transitioned into the new plan

—[GatorCare Options](#). Postdocs who are not currently enrolled in PostDocCare will be able to enroll in GatorCare Options during UF's fall benefits Open Enrollment period for a January 1, 2014, coverage effective date.

Postdoctoral associates and postdoctoral fellows should double-check their mailing addresses in the myUFL system to ensure they receive important mailings in the coming months. For detailed instructions on how to update your mailing address, please visit the [Benefits section](#) of the HRS website.

Under GatorCare Options, postdocs' individual or family plans will continue to be employer-paid, with continued access to Florida Blue network providers. Participants will enjoy enhanced features compared to the previous plan, including access to GatorCare's on-site representatives and wellness incentives.

Florida Blue representatives will be on-site to answer questions about GatorCare Options on Wednesday, June 5, at 5 p.m. in the McKnight Brain Institute's DeWeese Auditorium.

To view a plan brochure for GatorCare Options and for more information about GatorCare, please visit the [GatorCare website](#). If you have questions, please contact HRS's GA and Post Doc Associate Benefits Office at gabenefits@admin.ufl.edu or (352) 392-0003.

More information on the InfoGator site:

<http://www.hr.ufl.edu/infogator/2013/may/expanded.htm>

Submitted by Human Resource Services

Burroughs Wellcome Fund - Career Awards for Medical Scientists (CAMS)

We are writing to ensure that you are aware of the internal coordination requirements for the Burroughs Wellcome Fund's Career Awards for Medical Scientists (CAMS) program. This program provides \$700,000 over five years to bridge advanced postdoctoral/fellowship training and the early years of faculty service. Candidates must hold an M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., or equivalent clinical degree, be working in the area of basic biomedical, disease oriented, or translational research, and be citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. or Canada at the time of application. For full eligibility requirements and a link to the full solicitation, please visit

<http://my.research.ufl.edu/Applications/FundingOpportunities/ArticleDetail.aspx?id=32236>.

UF may submit only five or six nominations (depending on those nominated). Interested applicants must submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) to our office via email by **Wednesday, May 29, 2013** for internal coordination. An internal selection process may be necessary if more than five LOIs are received. Those selected will be nominated by October 1, 2013. Our office or the UF Research Foundation may be able to provide assistance with putting together application packages for those selected for nomination.

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Submitted by Jenn Hubbs, Office of Research

Join Living Well - the UF Employee Fitness and Wellness Center this Summer - for only \$100*!

Want to get fit this summer?

\$100* gives you full access to Living Well for the entire summer!

Save again! Upgrade to an annual membership in August for a discounted rate of

\$150*!

With promotions like these you can't afford not to join!

Offer ends 5/17/13.

*Tax not included

For more information read the FAQ below or email kochipa@hnp.ufl.edu.

LW Summer Promotion FAQ

Q:What are the promotional rates including tax?

A: Summer rate: \$106; Annual Rate: \$159; Upfront Rate: \$265

Q: Instead of waiting to upgrade in August, can I sign up for a discounted Annual Membership right now?

A: Yes, you can sign up for an annual membership at the discounted rate of \$265(price includes tax).

Q: What forms of payment will you accept?

A: The summer rate of \$106 is payable by check only, made out to the University of Florida. If you choose to upgrade to an annual membership in August, the upgrade rate of \$159 is payable by check only. If you choose to do an annual membership upfront, rather than waiting for the option to upgrade in August, the annual rate of \$265 is payable by check or payroll deduction.

Q: How do I sign up at Living Well?

A: Fill out an application at the Living Well front desk and submit it along with your payment to a staff member at the LW front desk.

Q: When does this offer end?

A: Offer expires May 17, 2013.

Q: What does full access to Living Well include?

A: Full access to the Living Well facility during operating hours and unlimited attendance to group fitness classes.

Q: When I upgrade my membership to an Annual Membership when will it expire?

A: The expiration date will be a year from the date you registered in the summer.

For more Information:

Website: www.livingwell.ufl.edu

Phone: 352-294-1629

Email: kochipa@hnp.ufl.edu

Submitted by Kathleen Ochipa, Living Well

UF/VA Institute on Aging, Clinical Translational Aging Research Seminar: May 13

Age Differences in Models of Pain Modulation

Presented by Joseph L. Riley, III Professor, Department of Community Dentistry and Behavioral Science, College of Dentistry

Monday, May 13th, 2013, from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM HPNP Building - Classroom 1101

[More information](#) (.pdf)

Submitted by Christy Carter, Department of Aging and Geriatric Research

Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation - Postdoctoral Fellowship - due 8/15/13

[Postdoctoral Fellowship](#)

The Foundation encourages all theoretical and experimental research relevant to the study of cancer and the search for cancer causes, mechanisms, therapies and

prevention.

Candidates must apply for the fellowship under the guidance of a Sponsor—a scientist (tenured, tenure-track or equivalent position) capable of providing mentorship to the Fellow. In addition to aiding in the planning, execution and supervision of the proposed research, the Sponsor's role is to foster the development of the Fellow's overall knowledge, technical and analytical skills, and capacity for scientific inquiry. The Sponsor is also expected to assist the Fellow in attaining his/her career goals.

Awards are made to institutions for the support of the Fellow under direct supervision of the Sponsor. Candidates who have already accepted a postdoctoral research fellowship award are not eligible.

The primary criteria used to evaluate applicants are:

- the quality of the research proposal (importance of the problem, originality of approach, appropriateness of techniques and clarity of presentation)
- the qualifications, experience and productivity of both the candidate and the Sponsor
- the quality of the research training environment in which the proposed research is to be conducted and its potential for broadening and strengthening the candidate's ability to independently conduct innovative and substantive research. The proposed research and training environment should represent a new opportunity for the candidate to expand his/her scientific skill set. Direct extensions of the candidate's graduate work (in approach, technique or exact area of study) will not be funded.

Damon Runyon Postdoctoral Research Fellowships are granted for a three-year term with second- and third-year funding contingent upon satisfactory progress reports. Fellows in their *first*- and *third*-years of funding will attend Damon Runyon Fellows' Retreats designed to foster collaboration and interaction between scientists working in different fields relevant to cancer.

Award Stipends

Year of Award	Level 1 Stipend	Level 2 Stipend*	Expenses
1st Year	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$2,000
2nd Year	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$2,000
3rd year	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$2,000

For more information, visit:

http://www.damonrunyon.org/for_scientists/more/fellowship_award_overview

Submitted by Margaret Friend, Corporate and Foundation Relations, UF&Shands Office of Development

Work and Family Integration for Faculty: Recommendations for Chairs

From *Tomorrow's Professor Blog*:

The academic career and parenthood are both lifelong commitments and higher education institutions are best served by recognizing this and responding affirmatively to work and family needs at all stages of the career. Failure to do so could result in continued gender stratification in the profession and possibly the loss of talented professionals in the field.

Complete Article: <http://derekbruff.org/blogs/tomprof/2013/05/02/tp-msg-1251-work-and-family-integration-for-faculty-recommendations-for-chairs/>

Submitted by Nargiza Ludgate, I-Cubed and UF International Center

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 did not receive your invitation to join the National Postdoctoral Association or if your invitation has expired and you need to be sent a refreshed invitation, please [contact Kim Pace](#) to receive an invitation.

[More information.](#)

Submitted by Kim Pace, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Reminder: Postdoc Info Listserv

Want to receive e-mail prompts prior to postdoc events like the [Postdoc Development Workshops](#) and other postdoc events?

A listserv has been created for postdocs to receive reminders for upcoming postdoc events. Please e-mail Kim Pace (kpace@aa.ufl.edu) and tell me you wish to subscribe to the "postdoc info listserv."

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