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Important Information re: Postdoc Insurance:

Effective July 1, 2013, the University of Florida's insurance plan for Postdoctoral Associates and Postdoctoral Fellows will be provided as part of GatorCare, the University's new self-insured health plan. The name of the plan is GatorCare Options. For further details about GatorCare in general, please visit <http://gatorcare.org>.

Newly hired Postdoctoral Associates and Postdoctoral Fellows will be able to complete their GatorCare Options enrollment via the myUFL system. Detailed instructions on how to enroll can be found on the attachment.

Important deadlines:

- New hires must complete enrollment within 60 days of hire.
- Qualifying event changes must be completed within 60 days of the event.
- Open enrollment elections must be completed prior to the end of open enrollment.

If you have questions about enrollment or eligibility, please contact HRS's GA and Post Doc Associate Benefits Office at hrspostdocbenefits@admin.ufl.edu or (352) 392-0003.

- [All Inclusive Guide](#) (.pdf)

Please note that GatorCare is not available to Adjunct Post Docs or Adjunct Clinical Post Docs.

Invitation to Attend the Postdoc Research Symposium

Registration is closed for the Poster and Oral Presentation competition for the Postdoc Research Symposium, but you are all welcome to attend the event at Emerson Alumni Hall on April 21 which includes a postdoc workshop after lunch. Cheer your postdoc colleagues on as they compete for Best Oral Presentation from 8:30-10:30am, and Best Poster from 10:45-noon. The highlight of the Symposium will be our keynote workshop with Dr. Kevin Folta, who will address effective scientific and research communication for postdocs, one of the core postdoc competencies promoted by the National Postdoctoral Association.

Please RSVP your attendance at the Symposium here by April 15: <https://pd-symposium-2014.eventbrite.com> Attendees are welcome to lunch at noon!

The Postdoc Research Symposium showcases our top postdoc researchers at the University of Florida! Come out to enjoy a day of postdoc collegiality and learn how to improve your communication skills!

More information on the Postdoc Research Symposium Website: <http://postdoc.aa.ufl.edu/symposium>

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Invitation to UF Undergraduate Research Symposium

The UF [Center for Undergraduate Research](#) invites all UF postdocs to their Undergraduate Research Symposium on March 27 in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom, from 9am-3:30pm. The Center encourages postdocs to come by and learn about the exciting research UF undergraduates are doing.

[Event Flyer](#) (.pdf)

Submitted by Anne Donnelly, Center for Undergraduate Research

Postdoc Workshop Video and Presentation Available Now

Did you miss the March 18 Postdoc Workshop with Matthew Cowley from the CRC? Matthew discussed the importance of professional networks and leveraging your unique talents and abilities to help you secure the job you want.

The video of the workshop is available for you to view here:

<http://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/Mediasite/Play/bfa8e8fb80aa45b3882f9cd0c517c0451d>

The PowerPoint Presentation is available [here](#).

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'International Gators, Calling the Swamp Home'

The UF Career Resource Center introduces a new blog feature entitled: 'International Gators, Calling the Swamp Home'. We'll be chatting with some of the most intriguing faculty, staff and students on campus who will share their experiences about landing a job outside of their country of origin or how they are preparing for the job search in another country. Each person will be asked four questions about their experiences and insights that they would like to share.

Our inaugural post features Dr. Charles Bwenge who is a dynamic senior lecturer and program coordinator in African languages for the University of Florida's Center for African Studies (CAS) and Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures (LLC). Dr. Bwenge hails from Tanzania and has lived in the United States for the past 19 years.

<http://careerbuzz.tumblr.com/post/78140344524/international-gators-calling-the-swamp-home>

This is posted on the Career Resource Center site, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and you can follow the posts on Tumblr as well.

Submitted by Liz Kazungu, Career Resource Center

Now Open: Application for L'Oréal USA For Women in Science Fellowship Program

The L'Oréal For Women in Science program recognizes and rewards the contributions women make in the STEM fields and identifies exceptional women researchers committed to serving as role models for younger generations. More than 2,000 women scientists in over 100 countries have been recognized since the program began in 1998.

The L'Oréal USA For Women In Science fellowship program will award five post-doctoral women scientists in the United States this year with grants of up to \$60,000 each. Applicants are welcome from a variety of fields, including the life and physical/material sciences, technology (including computer science), engineering, and mathematics.

This is a special fellowship program for exceptional female post-doctoral researchers. We are looking for role models for the next generation and hope to help encourage girls to pursue careers in science.

Applications are available now at <https://lorealfwis.aas.org/login/indexA.cfm> and are due on Monday, May 19, 2014.

- [Application Poster](#) (8 ½ x 11)
- [Digital Flyer](#) (optimized for email forwarding)
- [FAQ](#)

More information on the L'Oréal USA For Women in Science program can be found at www.lorealusa.com/forwomeninscience.

Submitted by Myriam Coneim (mcconeim@us.loreal.com), L'Oréal

UF, UF Health team up for spring Employee Wellness Event

Do you know your numbers—blood pressure, glucose and BMI—and how they compare to recommended guidelines? Want to complete a quick and easy fitness test and consult with a personal trainer? Interested in learning more about ways to reduce your stress and enhance your emotional well-being?

These opportunities and many more will be offered at a month-long spring [Employee Wellness Event](#), co-sponsored by the University of Florida and UF Health, that kicks off at the end of this month.

From March 31 through April 25, UF and UF Health will offer its benefits-eligible employees [free screenings](#) at locations throughout campus and at UF Health locations in Gainesville. Employees may participate in the event at any location, regardless of affiliation.

All benefits-eligible Academic Personnel, TEAMS and USPS employees—as well as graduate assistants on appointment, postdocs and residents covered under GatorCare—are encouraged to complete a free screening. Employees who do will have the opportunity to review their results with a wellness professional and receive a free SweetBerries boxed lunch.

Employees may register for a time and location of their choice online by visiting <http://hr.ufl.edu/wellnessevent>.

In addition, during the first and last weeks of the event, UF and UF Health experts will present workshops and demonstrations covering a range of topics including fitness, nutrition, emotional well-being, aging and more. Employees are encouraged to “pick one window” to wellness and make one change to enhance their well-being.

To view the schedule of workshops, which continues to be updated, please visit <http://gatorcare.org/wellness/workshops.asp>.

Submitted by Angie Brown, Human Resource Services

American Cancer Society - funding opportunities - various 2014 deadlines

We wanted to be sure you are aware of these funding opportunities from American Cancer Society. I would like to know if you or any of your colleagues choose to pursue an application, and would be happy to help with it. Please also forward this note to anyone else who might be interested.

Pilot and Exploratory Projects in Palliative Care of Cancer Patients and Their Families

Purpose: The development of the specialty of palliative medicine is a critical step in addressing the unmet needs of patients with serious illness and their families. Pilot data are typically needed before funding agencies (e.g., NIH, VA or the American Cancer Society) will consider funding a research project. In an effort to support clinician investigators conducting patient-oriented research in palliative care, the American Cancer Society, in parallel with the National Palliative Care Research Center (NPCRC), is soliciting applications for pilot/exploratory research grants in palliative care of cancer patients and their families. These grants will generate the pilot data necessary to maximize an investigator's chances of competing successfully for larger grants.

Length of Study: Awards may not exceed a period of one to two years duration.

Budget: Awards may not exceed \$60,000 per year (direct costs) plus 20% indirect costs. Salary support for the Principal Investigator may not exceed 20% of the direct costs. PEP grant recipients are required to attend the NPCRC's Annual Kathleen Foley Palliative Care Retreat and Research Symposium meeting in years 1 and 2 of the grant term. The meeting is held in September/October of each year. Principal investigators are responsible for airfare and lodging for the conference and should budget a minimum of \$1,500 per year.

Awards: A total of \$500,000 per year is available for this mechanism.

RFP link: <http://www.cancer.org/research/applyforaresearchgrant/granttypes/rfa-palliative-care-cancer-patients>

Application Deadline: April 1, 2014

Postdoctoral Fellowships

This award is to support the training of researchers who have received a doctoral degree to provide initial funding leading to an independent career in cancer research (including basic, preclinical, clinical, cancer control, psychosocial, behavioral, epidemiology, health services and health policy research). Awards may be for three years with progressive stipends of \$48,000, \$50,000, and \$52,000 per year, plus a \$4,000 per year fellowship allowance (an additional \$1,500 is added to the fellowship allowance in the last year to attend the ACS Postdoctoral Fellows Symposium or a domestic scientific meeting). Depending on availability of special endowment funds, the Society annually selects one or more of the top-ranked fellowships to be supplemented above the standard stipend.

RFP link: <http://www.cancer.org/research/applyforaresearchgrant/granttypes/postdoctoral-fellowships>

Application Deadline: April 1, 2014

Research Scholar Grants in Basic, Preclinical, Clinical and Epidemiology Research

Support investigator-initiated research projects in basic, preclinical, clinical and epidemiologic research. Awards are for up to four years and for up to \$200,000 per year (direct costs), plus 20% allowable indirect costs.

RFP link:

<http://www.cancer.org/research/researchprograms/funding/fundingopportunities/indexofgrants/researchgrantsforindependentinvestigators/research-scholar-grants-in-basic-preclinical-clinical-and-epidemiology-research>

Application Deadline: April 1 and October 15

Mentored Research Scholar Grant in Applied and Clinical Research

Provides support for mentored research and training to full-time junior faculty, typically within the initial four years of their first independent appointment. The goal is for these beginning investigators to become independent researchers as either clinician scientists or cancer control and prevention researchers. Awards are for up to five years and for up to \$135,000 per year (direct costs), plus 8% allowable indirect costs. A maximum of \$10,000 per year for the mentor(s) (regardless of the number of mentors) is included in the \$135,000.

RFP link:

<http://www.cancer.org/research/researchprograms/funding/fundingopportunities/indexofgrants/mentoredtrainingandcareerdevelopmentgrants/mentored-research-scholar-grant-in-applied-and-clinical-research>

Application Deadlines: October 15, 2013

Please let me know if I or my colleagues can help you with an application.

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Submitted by Margaret Friend, UFHealth Office of Development

“Studying Racist Activists: What Can Be Learned and What Cannot”

“Civil” Society? On the Future Prospects of Meaningful Dialogue (2013-14 Speaker Series)

Kathleen Blee (University of Pittsburgh)

27 March 2014, 5:30pm

Ustler Hall

Kathleen Blee is Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research at the University of Pittsburgh and has spent decades observing and interviewing those in America’s racist underground. In this presentation, she will wrestle with the moral dilemmas of working with violent groups. Is there anything to be gained by understanding them? And, how can scholars, journalists, and policymakers balance seeking accurate information about racist groups without promoting intolerance? Blee will explore all these questions and more as she discusses her research and her methodology.

This event is part of the 2013-14 public speaker series organized by the UF Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere to understand the dialogues (or lack thereof) about major political issues United States. Three fall 2013 presentations explored why individuals, groups, and nations have difficulties sharing information and engaging in productive dialogue about life-and-death issues such as climate change, race, and our collective history. Three spring 2014 lectures will suggest how we might foster conditions that will bring us closer together, or at least help us to enter into broader dialogue about the human condition. This series is co-sponsored by the Rothman Endowment at the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere with support from the Office of Sustainability, UF Libraries, Honors Program, Department of History, Department of English, and Samuel Proctor Oral History Program.

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, see: <http://www.humanities.ufl.edu/calendar-2013-14-speaker-series.html>

Submitted by Sarah Harms, UF Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere

Post-Doctoral position focused on aging research

The successful candidate will primarily work on a large NIH funded clinical trial called The Lifestyle Interventions and Independence for Elders Study (The LIFE study: U01AG022376)

[More information](#) (.pdf)

Submitted by Brian Stanton, Department of Aging and Geriatric Research

Microbiologist or Environmental Health Postdoc Wanted

[Post Doc Microbiologist or Environmental Health 3 Year + Position](#)

Position title is Chief Science Officer in startup company, contingent upon winning funding from USAMRMC. DoD has invited DAHTech LLC to write a full up proposal, which is nearing completion in early April.

[More information](#) (.pdf)

If interested, contact:

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To apply, send a CV to the above.

Submitted by Damon Hooten, DAHTech LLC

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 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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