Opportunities to Explore

A newsletter for graduate students and postdoctoral trainees

HAPPENING NOW

**Fellow URMC Students Interested in Rooms for Rent?**
We have 2 furnished rooms for rent, within easy walking distance from UR Medical Center/Strong Hospital/Nursing School, U of R, College Town, and Costco. Follow the link above for details.

**Course Announcement: IND426: Science Communication for Diverse Audiences**
Fridays 9:30am-11:00am Fall 2016. This course offers an interactive, hands-on approach to improve science communication skills. Students will have the opportunity to work in small groups to learn basic presentation skills, distill their scientific message for a multidude of audiences, and become more comfortable presenting in front of groups. We will focus on improving communication with both scientific and non-scientific audiences. This course integrates some of the newest training techniques in the field including improvisation and storytelling, which serve to help scientists better connect to audiences in the moment. The course will also offer brief sections on writing for non-scientific audiences. Participants should come ready to step outside of their comfort zone and dive into a variety of different training techniques from week to week. Register today or email Laura_Shum@URMC.Rochester.edu for more information.

**Course Announcement: MBI 406 Bio-Manufacturing**
This course is designed to provide both undergraduate and graduate level students with an introduction to current aspects of the manufacturing and testing of materials produced through a variety of commercially relevant bioprocesses. For questions about registration please contact Linda_Lipani@URMC.Rochester.edu.

**Updated: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Solicitation**
NSF has released an updated Graduate Research Fellowship Program solicitation. The update provides deadlines for the 2017, 2018, and 2019 competition. Changes include revised deadlines, clarification on which biomedical fields are eligible and updated fields of study names. Fellows are encouraged to apply for professional development opportunities offered through the programs Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide, and the Graduate Research Internship Program. Follow the link above to apply!

**Journey through Science Day**
Apply by August 1st to be one of only 50 exceptional early career scientists selected to attend. At this event cosponsored by The New York Academy of Science, you'll have the chance to network with executives from PepsiCo and learn about non-traditional science jobs that you can pursue for a lucrative and satisfying career. Travel awards are available and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Association for Academic Minority Physicians Seeking Abstract Submissions**
The Association for Academic Minority Physicians is seeking abstract submissions dealing with the broad fields of medical education, biomedical research, clinical care, and preventive medicine. Abstracts are encouraged from all professions and levels, including students, trainees, and faculty. The submission deadline is Aug. 5.

**THIS WEEK**

**Summer Scholars Poster Session**
Thursday August 4, 2016 | 9:30am-11:30am | Saunders Research Building Atrium | Join us to celebrate the Summer Scholars and the research initiatives they took part in this summer. Refreshments will be provided.

**Summer Brown Bag Series: "The Gardener's Tale: Understanding Racism"**
Thursday August 4, 2016 | 12:00pm-1:00pm | Helen Wood Hall Auditorium (1-304) | Caroline Nestro, Department of Psychiatry, will give the presentation "The Gardener’s Tale - An Allegory to Help Us Understand the 3 Levels of Racism." The 4th Annual Summer Brown Bag Series: The Health Impact of Everyday Actions and Interactions - What We Can Do To Make a Positive Difference. Open to the University community.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**URBEST Career Story Q&A: Athena Petrides**
Monday, August 8, 2016 | 11:00am-12:00pm | [K-307 (3-6408)] | Athena Petrides, PhD Assistant Medical Director of Chemistry and Director of Toxicology at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Join us in learning about Dr. Petrides’s career path and her experience at Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

**PDA Monthly Meeting**
Tuesday August 9, 2016 | 12:30pm-1:30pm | All postdocs are welcome to attend this meeting along with the executive board and committee members of the PDA.

**Summer Brown Bag Series: Race Conscious Leadership**
Thursday August 11, 2016 | 12:00pm-1:00pm | Helen Wood Hall Auditorium (1-304) | Janice M. Holland and Tasia McCullough, Office of Human Resources, will give a presentation on "Race Conscious Leadership." The 4th Annual Summer Brown Bag Series: The Health Impact of Everyday Actions and Interactions - What We Can Do To Make a Positive Difference. Open to the University community.

**RELEVANT READS**

The Medical Science Liaison: An A to Z Guide
by Erin Albert. The Medical Science Liaison (MSL) role was recently reported as one of the best jobs over six figures for healthcare professionals, yet is relatively unknown, even to the medical community. What is a medical science liaison, and what do they do? Visit the CPD’s Lending Library catalog to see this and other titles of interest. To borrow a book, stop by our office in G-9556 or email the CPD with your request.

Alternatives Within Academia
Nathan L. Vanderford’s journey to apply the skills gained as a research trainee (such as writing and project management) to academic administrative positions, and how this has ironically led him full-circle into a tenured track role.

The Predictive Nature of Criterion Scores on Impact Score and Funding Outcomes
NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research Mike Lauer, MD, reports on an analysis of peer review scoring and “why some grant applications are more likely to be funded than others.”

URBEST’s Quarterly Newsletter is out
Follow the link to read some interesting perspectives from the past few months, and learn how to get involved with URBEST!

Visit gepa-calendar.urmc.edu for a calendar of all our events. Review the Opportunities to Explore archive.

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