Opportunities to Explore

A newsletter for graduate students and postdoctoral trainees

HAPPENING NOW

Wednesday August 24, 2016 | 11:00am - 12:00pm
To this webinar, Propel Careers will provide insight on the job search process and what companies look for when evaluating talent. Propel will discuss the importance of tailoring a resume and cover letter for a specific position. Propel Careers will also discuss how companies utilize resume databases and LinkedIn to identify talent. Propel will provide tips on how candidates can stand out from the crowd.

National Postdoc Survey Now Open
This survey was conceived and developed by postdocs to benefit all members of the postdoctoral community – independent of academic discipline – by addressing a critical need to collect data about the postdoc experience in the US. Summary results obtained from NPS responses are expected to facilitate identification of important issues within the postdoctoral community, and to provide data that can subsequently be used to inform and equip those who advocate for policy on behalf of postdocs. Members of the University’s postdoc community are encouraged to participate.

Registration Open for AAMC's Minority Faculty Career Development Seminar
Registration is open for the AAMC’s Minority Faculty Career Development Seminar, to be held September 15–18 in San Antonio. The meeting is designed for junior faculty and post-docs who are underrepresented in medicine and provides participants with tools for pursuing career advancement in academic medicine. Follow the link above for registration and pricing.

Faculty Development and Online Symposium Series Announced
Follow the links to learn more about and register for both the Faculty Development Series and our Online Symposium Series. Both programs are intended for a wide audience and encourage graduate students and postdoc attendance. Contact Adele Coelho, Faculty Outreach Coordinator at (585) 273-2571 or via email at adele.coelho@rochester.edu with any questions.

CIRTL Fall Course Registration Now Open
This fall, CIRTL is offering five online courses, each focusing on a different aspect of inclusive, evidence-based pedagogy. Course registration opened Monday, August 1. Read below for more course details, and look for another newsletter on Monday morning with registration instructions. CIRTL is also offering five workshops and four drop-in event series this fall. Workshops will open for registration one month before they take place. Follow the links above for registration information.

KGI Offering Online Certificate of Bioscience Management
The online Certificate in Bioscience Management allows current PhD students and working postdoctoral fellows to earn this valuable certificate by utilizing a one-of-a-kind synchronous learning platform. Management courses at KGI focus specifically on the unique business environment within the life sciences, combining traditional training in issues such as competitive strategy and marketing with specialized topics such as the role of regulation and medical reimbursement in determining the viability of life science market opportunities. Follow the link above to learn more.

THIS WEEK

Biology Donut Talk
Monday August 22, 2016 | 12:00pm-1:00pm | Hutchison Hall 473 | Barry Zirkhno of Johns Hopkins will discuss "Aging and Leydig Cell Steroidogenic Function: Are the Changes Preventable? Reversible?" Network with your colleagues and enjoy some donuts!

Summer Brown Bag Series: Thriving Amidst Bias
Tuesday August 23, 2016 | 12:00pm-1:00pm | Helen Wood Hall Auditorium 1-304 | Vineeth John, Department of Psychiatry, will discuss "Thriving Amidst Bias: The V.A.A.R. Mantra." 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 Peer Mentoring for Students & Postdocs
Tuesday August 30, 2016 | 4:00pm-5:00pm | Natapow Conference Room (1-9545) | Gathering for snacks and chatting about July’s successes and challenges. If you’d like to use the gathering as an “accountability check in”, great; if you’re not ready for that yet and would just like to drop in for a snack, that’s good too.

RELEVANT READS

Driven to Distraction at Work: How to Focus and Be More Productive
by Ned Hallowell. You know the feeling you can’t focus; you feel increasingly overwhelmed by a mix of nonstop demands and technology that seems to be moving at the speed of light; and you’re frustrated just trying to get everything done well—and on time. Not only is this taking a toll on performance, it’s impacting your sense of well-being outside the office. It’s time to reclaim control. 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.

Worth vs. Value in Job Negotiations
They are not synonymous, especially in the career arena, writes Michael A. Matrone, and you should not allow greed to damage good relations between you and a future employer.

From Academic Research to Corporate Science
Different companies have different cultures, you need to find the one that fits you.

Scholars Talk: Writing: Steven Pinker
Good prose requires dedication to the craft of writing, and our profession simply doesn’t reward it.

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