Opportunities to Explore
A newsletter for graduate students and postdoctoral trainees

HAPPENING NOW

Part-Time Proctoring Positions Available
The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning is looking for responsible graduate students to proctor exams for students who receive accommodations, such as extra time or an alternate testing location. Proctoring hours are flexible, but proctors must be able to work at least 10 hours a week. Shifts will be a minimum of three to four hours and will range from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays. To learn more and apply, contact cetl@rochester.edu.

CIRTL Workshop: Writing a Teaching Philosophy Statement
Wednesday, September 14 and 28 at 3:30-5:00PM ET (Corrected time)
In this two-part workshop, you will learn how to write an effective, peer-reviewed teaching philosophy statement that reflects your teaching beliefs and experiences, approaches to student learning, and examples of good practices in evidence-based instruction. Open for registration August 15 through September 6.

Banco Santander Foundation: CNIO Fellowship for Young Researchers Trained in the UK/USA
This fellowship programme supports one highly talented and motivated young scientist who has been trained in the UK or USA and wishes to continue his or her Postdoctoral training at one of the world's leading comprehensive cancer centers. The purpose: to provide young scientists with cutting-edge cancer research training in an interdisciplinary and internationally competitive environment and to foster scientific collaborations between cancer researchers in UK/USA and Spain. Follow the link above to learn more, application deadline is September 30, 2016.

Grantmanship for Students and Postdocs: F30, F31, F32
Wednesday, November 2, 2016 | 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Presented by Science Alliance, The New York Academy of Sciences will offer this workshop to teach the skills for concise and persuasive writing that is not only vital in academia, but essential for any career path. During this evening seminar given by Dr. Jaime Rubin and follow up by a panel with recipients of these fellowships, we will focus on best practices for effective grant writing, specifically applied to individual pre-doctoral and post-doctoral fellowship applications in the biomedical fields. More information on pricing, location and registration through the link above.

American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Seeking Applicants for Associate Member Council
Graduate students, medical students, residents, and clinical or postdoctoral fellows with demonstrated leadership potential are sought as candidates for the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Associate Member Council. Through a competitive selection process, four Associate Members will be selected to serve three-year leadership terms, starting at the AACR Annual Meeting 2017 and concluding at the AACR Annual Meeting 2020. Follow the link above to learn more about this great leadership opportunity!

THIS WEEK

URBST Peer Mentoring for Students & Postdocs
Tuesday August 30, 2016 | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
[Natapow Conference Room (I-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.

Community Outreach Fair
Tuesday, August 30, 2016 | 5:00PM-6:00PM | [Flam Atrium] | The Students for Rochester Outreach volunteer program, which aims to give School of Medicine and Dentistry students the opportunity to have hands-on experiences with groups that are economically underserved and disadvantaged, will host a community outreach fair. All are welcome to attend to learn more about community outreach and how to get involved!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cracking the Hidden Job Market with guest speaker Don Asher
Wednesday September 7, 2016 | 5:30pm-6:30pm | [Hawkins-Carlson Room in Rush Rhees Library] | Join fellow Rochester alumni, parents, and friends for a dynamic presentation by renowned career consultant and author Don Asher. Asher will focus on uncovering the hidden job market, sharing tips and tricks to help you succeed in your job search and secure the position you want. Admission is $10 per person and includes an hour of dinner reception prior to the presentation. Advance registration is required by Friday, September 2. Learn more here.

Learn about NSF Graduate Research Fellowships
Thursday September 8, 2016 | 4:00PM-6:00PM | [Hawkins-Carlson Room in Rush Rhees Library] | The National Science Foundation’s Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF-GRFP) application period is now open. The University currently has over 15 GRFP fellows from diverse disciplines including brain and cognitive sciences, chemistry, clinical and social sciences in psychology, geology, engineering, geosciences, and physics. The fellowship three years of stipend and tuition funding for students in research-oriented graduate programs in the physical and life sciences, social sciences, engineering, STEM education, and the history and philosophy of science. The Graduate Studies Office in Arts, Sciences, & Engineering is offering an NSF-GRFP workshop. The workshop will feature an introduction to the GRFP, writing tips, as well as a guest panel of former winners and faculty advisers. RSVP by completing this form: https://goo.gl/forms/enLPVzszLr3Qk92.

University-Wide Grad Life Event
Friday September 9, 2016 | 4:00PM-6:00PM | [Flam Atrium] | Attends this first-ever University-wide graduate student event! Connect with other graduate students outside of your academic field, understand the importance of cross-collaboration in academia and research, and learn about campus clubs and resources for graduate students. There will be free food, engaging speakers, and valuable connections to kick off the new term. A student ID is required for attendance. Contact Glen Dormsite at gdormsite@rcfscsl.rochester.edu with questions.

RELEVANT READS

CV Handbook: A curriculum vitae owner's manual
by Will Coghill-Behrends, Rebecca Anthony. The CV Handbook is the definitive guide to drafting and updating a curriculum vitae as used in the American Academy. The CV Handbook sets the record straight and offers dozens of CV samples to help graduate students, new faculty and tenured faculty prepare a more powerful vita. 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.

Choosing the Non-tenure Track
"Isn't this just a glorified postdoc position? Won't taking this offer hurt my chances of landing a tenure-track professor position?" Amar Singh sets the record straight.