Opportunities to Explore

A newsletter for graduate students and postdoctoral trainees

HAPPENING NOW

NSF Science Outreach Program
The NSF Science Outreach Program in the YMYC is seeking energetic volunteers to teach science modules to kids grade 3-6. These summer sessions will be held every Tuesday from July 19 – August 16 in Genesee Valley Park. For more information, please contact Laura Yunes-Medina at laura_yunes-medina@urmc.rochester.edu

Grantwriting Uncovered: Maximizing Strategies, Help, Opportunities, Experiences (GUMSHOE)
Applications are being accepted for the 2016 GUMSHOE program sessions targeted to postdoctoral researchers, junior faculty, or equivalent who are developing an NIH grant application. This 6-month program, sponsored by the National Research Mentoring Network and with support from Washington State University and the University of Colorado, is designed to enhance participants' career development, preparing them to meet each program's ultimate goal: the submission of strong research and research career development proposals for funding in the biomedical or biobehavioral sciences. Each GUMSHOE program focuses on a different population. Click above for more information.

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 professional/technical services. Abstracts are encouraged from all professions and levels, including students, trainees, and faculty. The submission deadline is Aug. 5.

NIH Funding Opportunity: Mental Health Research Dissertation Grant to Enhance Workforce Diversity (R36)
The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to enhance the diversity of the mental health research workforce by providing dissertation awards in all research areas within the strategic priorities of the NIMH to individuals from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social sciences research. This two-year award supports the completion of the doctoral research project. Applicants are encouraged to apply early to allow adequate time to make any corrections to errors found in the application during the submission process by the due date. Application due dates: August 22, 2016 and December 22, 2016. More information at the link above.

Science Launches the 2016 Dance Your Ph.D. Contest
Science magazine has announced its 2016 “Dance Your Ph.D. Contest.” PhD-level scientists or students working on science-related PhDs are invited to explain their work through a dance posted as a YouTube video. Winners will receive cash prizes in each of four categories—physics, chemistry, biology, and social sciences—and more for best overall dance. The deadline for submissions is September 30.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Wednesday July 13, 2016 | 1:00pm-2:00pm | This webinar will focus on how to highlight experiences and skills on a resume and cover letter and the importance of tailoring these documents for specific roles. During this webinar, Lauren Celano will provide examples of skills and experiences that should be emphasized for different types of roles including bench research roles, non-bench research roles, business development, marketing, consulting, product/project management roles, and clinical roles. Advice will be provided regarding resume formatting and examples will be shown to highlight proper formatting. Lastly, attendees will learn how to write a tailored cover letter for a specific job description and what information a hiring manager looks for in this document. Register at the link above.

The Ins and Outs of Scientific Publishing with Elsevier Webinar
Thursday July 14, 2016 | 3:00pm-6:00pm | Are you getting ready to submit your manuscript to a scientific journal? If so, come and learn from Elsevier editors and publishers what makes a manuscript stand out, what common mistakes to avoid, plus advice on proofreading, cover letters, the revision process, and dealing with rejection. Registration is free for members, find the full pricing and registration information at the link above.

URBEST Career Story Q&A: Jenny Hadingham
Monday July 18, 2016 | 12:30pm-1:30pm | Louise Slaughter Conference Room (1-9555) | Dr. Jenny Hadingham PhD, Assistant Director & Lecturer, Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL) at University of Rochester. Dr. Hadingham will highlight some of her day-to-day at UR and will share personal reflections on her career trajectory.

URBEST Peer Mentoring for Students and Postdocs
Wednesday July 27, 2016 | 9:00am-10:00am | Northeastern Conference Room (1-9525) | All are welcome to attend this event. We will gather for snacks and chat about July’s successes and challenges. Join us to use this as an accountability check in or just drop in for a snack.

URBEST Career Story Q&A: Athena Petrides
Monday August 8, 2016 | 11:00am-12:00pm | CEL Room 2-1322 | 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.

RELEVANT READS

Dazzle ‘Em With Style, Second Edition: The Art of Oral Scientific Presentation
by Robert RH Anholt. Mastering the art of communicating scientific information is more critical than ever for a successful career in science and technology. 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.

How your Journal Editor Works
A glimpse into the not-so-glamorous lives and habits of scholarly-journal editors.

The Hiring Process at Teaching Colleges
We’re not a research university and we don’t interview like one, says Kevin Gannon.

PhD Candidates Should Consider Non-Faculty Careers
We hear a lot of dialogue about faculty resistance and solutions for how faculty members can become more supportive of students considering wider career options. What we don’t hear as much about is student resistance to career exploration writes Christine Kelly.

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