Opportunities to Explore
A newsletter for graduate students and postdoctoral trainees

HAPPENING NOW

NSF Science Outreach Program
The NSF Science Outreach Program in the YMCA 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.

Course Announcement: IN426: 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 multitude 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.

Grantwriting Uncovered: Maximizing Strategies, Help, Opportunities, Experiences (GUMSHOE)
Applications are being accepted for 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.

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

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 refreshments and chat about July’s successes and challenges. Join us to take a break and enjoy open discussions.

Summer Brown Bag Series: Unconscious Bias and How Can It Affect Health
Thursday July 28, 2016 | 12:00pm-1:00pm | Helen Wood Hall Auditorium (1-304) | Presented by Diane Morse, Women’s Initiative Supporting Health (W.I.S.H.) and April Aycock, Strong Recovery, Department of Psychiatry. 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.

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.

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’ 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.

RELEVANT READS

At the Bench: A Laboratory Navigator
by Kathy Barker; the unique and hugely successful handbook for living and working in the laboratory, an essential aid to understanding basic lab techniques and how research groups work at a human level. 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 to Identify Your Career Calling
How do you “follow your passion” when it is unclear or is seemingly unconnected with what you understand about work? Here are some ideas.

Why Don’t Young Scientists Get More Grants? Often They Don’t Apply
A report published on Thursday by several federal-grant experts breaks down NIH award rates by age groups, finding that older scientists aren’t necessarily any more successful than are their younger counterparts.

A Plum Teaching Job — Off Campus
Why underemployed Ph.D.s should consider teaching at a prestigious private high school; a different career move.

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