Opportunities to Explore

A newsletter for graduate students and postdoctoral trainees

URBEST Enrollment is Now Open!
All health science and biomedical PhD students and postdoctoral fellows at UR are eligible to participate. Click here for more information!

BioCareers Webinar: Non-Academic Career Success
Monday October 17th from 1PM - 2PM Join Isaiah Hankel of Cheeky Scientist as he maps out a proper job search strategy for non-academic careers. Register above.

COPE Health Solutions Coming to U of R
COPE is holding an information session at the Green M Greene Career Center on October 27th. They are looking for Graduate students in the Public Health and Healthcare fields interested in Internship and Consulting roles. Register through Handshake to attend.

Call for Nominations for the 2017 St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital NGSS and FFRC
St. Jude's is currently seeking nominations of students to be considered for either the 16th Annual St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital National Graduate Student Symposium (NGSS), or 3rd Annual Future Fellow Research Conference (FFRC). These opportunities will be held March 20-24, and June 6-8, 2017, respectively. The NGSS and FFRC are all-expenses-paid symposia to which top PhD-level graduate students from around the country are invited to participate. Nominations must be received by October 31, 2016, follow the link above for more information.

Launch of MyNRMN
The NGAMD announced the launch of MyNRMN, a free, web-based platform designed to help biomedical researchers across the United States connect professionally. MyNRMN is part of the National Research Mentoring Network.

NIH to Hold Online Briefings on the Peer Review Process for Applicants and Reviewers
The NIH September 28 published a notice announcing three online video briefings the NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR) will host in the coming weeks for NIH grant applicants, their mentors, and reviewers. The first two briefings (November 2 and December 1) will provide fellowship and R01 grant applicants key information to navigate the NIH peer review process. The third briefing (December 2) will focus on proposing and reviewing basic research. Registration for the briefings is available on the CSR site.

THIS WEEK

UR Ventures Presents Intellectual Property Seminar
Monday October 17, 2016 | 9:00AM-10:00AM | Saunders Research Building Room 1.146 | Join UR Ventures and François Girardin to learn about differing perspectives and philosophies between the U.S. and European Patent Offices as he presents: “The European Patent Office: Our Approach” Refreshments will be served. Contact Curtis Broadbent for additional information.

PONS Luncheon Roundtable Series: Autism Spectrum Disorder
Monday October 17, 2016 | 12:00PM-1:00PM | LeChase Assembly Hall G-9576 | Join us to discuss the current ASD research collaborations at U of R with a multidisciplinary expert panel in a casual and catered setting. Drs. Loisia Benetto, PhD, Liz Romanski, PhD, and Tristram Smith, PhD are our guest panelists.

UR Ventures Seminar: "What Is an Invention?"
Tuesday, October 18, 2016 | 9:00AM-10:00AM | Dewey Hall 2.110D | Robert Windecker will discuss patents and what constitutes an invention, from his perspective as senior examiner with the European Patent Office. Refreshments will be served. Contact Curtis Broadbent for additional information.

Outreach Coordinator Position Info Session
Tuesday October 18, 2016 | 12:00PM-1:00PM | Fenn Room (4-6325) | The Nehrk Lab is looking for a graduate student or postdoc to coordinate an existing NSF-sponsored program aimed at third grade RCSD students. The program consists of twelve 90-minute sessions distributed through the fall, spring and summer at the city YMCA and Genesee Valley Park. If interested, you are invited to this info session. Please fill out the following form to indicate your interest:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W67NNBY

(MWIS) Our Choices Affect Our Options-Reflections on Obtaining a Rich and Fulfilling Career and Family Life
Thursday October 20, 2016 | 3:00PM-4:00PM | Ryan Case Method Room (1-9576) | You’re invited to join MWIS to hear Deborah Andrew, PhD, Professor, Department of Cell Biology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD. D. Andrew will present “Our Choices Affect Our Options—Reflections on Obtaining a Rich and Fulfilling Career and Family Life”. She will also present the Biochemistry and Biophysics Seminar Wednesday October 19 (2:00 - 3:00 pm) in K-307 entitled From the Top Down: Building and Specializing Epithelial Organs.

Undergraduate Research Day Poster Session
Friday October 21, 2016 | 11:00AM-1:00PM | Flamm Atrium | You’re invited to join the Office for Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs at the Undergraduate Research Day (URD) Poster Session! URD is for juniors and seniors who attend a college or university within 6 hours of Rochester, and who are interested in the biomedical, translational, public health and/or biostatistics sciences fields. Other than our two interview weekends, this is a key recruitment event and a unique opportunity to meet and positively influence prospective applicants. Selected participants will share their research with our faculty and students, and discuss applying to graduate school and joining the School of Medicine and Dentistry. Please join us at the poster session.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Future Faculty Program: Learner-Centered Teaching
Wednesday October 26, 2016 | 11:30AM-2:00PM | Flamm Atrium | This interactive workshop shares innovative approaches that engage learners and features breakout sessions on team-based learning, problem-based learning, discussion leadership, and using technology to “flip the classroom.” RSVP Deadline: October 14, 2016 through the link above. Questions? Contact Adele Coelho.

PDA Coffee Hour
Friday October 28, 2016 | 3:00PM-4:00PM | G-8534 Anderson Room | Enjoy a FREE coffee with the UR Postdoc community, grow your professional network, and learn about UR PDA and other postdoc events.

URBEST Career Story Q&A Alan Wahl, PhD
Tuesday November 1, 2016 | 11:00AM-12:00PM | Louise Slaughter Conference Room (1-9555) | Join Alan Wahl, PhD Principal of Westwahl LLC and previous VP of Discovery at Ambrx Inc. Select individuals will go to lunch with Alan at noon and also participate in a one-on-one CV review and interview coaching session with Alan at 1:30 pm.

RELEVANT READS

Ragtagging for Advantages: Negotiation Strategies for Reasonable People by G. Richard Shell. A compelling read that combines lively storytelling, proven tactics, and reliable insights gleaned from the latest negotiation research. Visit the CPD's Linde Library catalog to see titles of interest. To borrow a book, stop by our office in G-9556 or email with your request.

Why You? Why Us? Why Now?
Interviewing is like speed dating! Elaine P. Maimon explains why via Inside Higher Ed.

How to Be 10% Happier
We all got overwhelmed at some point. In this great Google Talk Nightline anchor Dan Harris talks about his journey, and shares an achievable model for happiness.

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