

Opportunities *to* Explore

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HAPPENING NOW

COPE Health Solutions Coming to U of R

COPE is holding an information session at the Gwen 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!

Alumni/Advancement Webinar: Salary Negotiations: Win-Win Techniques Worth Thousands!

Thursday, November 3 at 4 pm. It's a tough fact of life – if you can't negotiate, you will be taken advantage of by others. Get immediately applicable strategies from the country's "career guru", Don Asher. The content of this webinar is applicable to first time job seekers as well as seasoned employees. Don will join us at the end of this recorded webinar to answer your questions live and in real time. Register through the link above!

Alumni/Advancement Webinar: Survive & Thrive: Managing your Career with Jane Finkle '86W (MSE)

Tuesday, November 1 at 12:30 pm. Join Jane Finkle '86W (MSE) principal of Career Visions, to do more than survive! Hear about the theory of Planned Happenstance and how to leverage "luck" toward future success. Do more than tread water - start creating your own opportunities. Register through the link above!

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 NIGMS 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

GSS Coffee Hour

Monday October 24, 2016 | 3:00PM-4:00PM | LeChase Assembly Hall (G-9576) | The Graduate Student Society (GSS) is hosting a Coffee Hour for Graduate Students. Free coffee and cookies provided!

Future Faculty Program: Learner-Centered Teaching

Corrected Location: Wednesday October 26, 2016 | 11:30AM-2:00PM | **Evarts Lounge** | 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." 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CIRTL@UR Workshop: Broadening Participation

Monday October 3, 2016 | 11:30AM-1:00PM Havens Lounge (River Campus/Wilson Commons) | This engaging and FUN workshop uses the tools of theater to provide an opportunity to explore issues of participation and inclusion in teaching & learning. This session is designed for those of you who are already teaching assistants and instructors as well as those who intend to TA and teach in the future, but everyone who is interested is welcome to attend. Space is limited so REGISTER by 10/26 through the link above!

URBEST Career Story Q&A: Alan Wahl, PhD

Tuesday November 1, 2016 | 11:00AM-12:00PM | Louise Slaughter Conference Room (1-9555) | 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.

URBEST Cold Emails and Hot Coffee

Tuesday November 8, 2016 | 8:45AM-9:45AM | Class of '62 Auditorium | Corey Hoffman, PhD Candidate and FDA intern, and Tracey Baas, PhD, will talk about how to build your network from zero, using informational interviewing and active career exploration. They will discuss "Cold Emails and Hot Coffee" and also how Corey used these skills to make connections and intern at the FDA. Coffee and Bagels will be provided to make it through the morning. Drop ins are welcome.

RELEVANT READS

The Craft of Research

by Wayne C. Booth, Joseph M. Williams, Gregory G. Colomb. This book explains how to build an argument that motivates readers to accept a claim; how to anticipate the reservations of readers and to respond to them appropriately; and how to create introductions and conclusions that answer that most demanding question, "So what?" Visit the CPD's Lending Library catalog to see titles of interest. To borrow a book, stop by our office in G-9556 or email with your request.

GRAD 101: How to Attain an "I Ain't Never Scared" Attitude

Regina Sierra Carter from GradHacker has an important message: Conquer your fear, and then conquer your Ph.D.

Being the Enabler

Science Careers profiles Jennifer Reininga-Craven, PhD, who holds a position in the Research Development Office at Duke University. Learn about the work and how to get a foot in the door, here.

Versatile PhD: PhD Careers in Medical Writing

The Versatile PhD just had an interesting profile of another alternative career for PhDs. This is a free resource for all SMD Grad Students and Postdocs, so create a profile and start exploring careers today!

For your Information

The art of the informational interview. Sounding out people who are already working in a field that interests you is a great way to gain valuable inside knowledge during your job search, says Peter Fiske. For more, come to the URBEST event profiled above!



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