Opportunities to Explore

A newsletter for graduate students and postdoctoral trainees

TODAY
PDA Coffee Hour
Friday September 16, 2016 | 1:00PM-2:30PM | [Georgen Hall 110] Join your fellow Postdocs for some free coffee and learn about some of the events next week! Sponsored by the PDA.

HAPPENING NOW

Webinar: How to Discuss Controversial Issues

“Debate to Dialogue: Facilitating Discussions Around Controversial Issues,” a webinar hosted by Tony Doody of HigherEdLive, will stream live at 1 p.m. Wednesday, September 21, in 2-110C Dewey Hall. Find a full description here. RSVP to jindran.singh@rochester.edu

Future Faculty Program: Understanding the Faculty Role

Register for this program by September 23! More details above and event information below.

BioCareers Webinar: Job Search "Acing the Interview"

September 23, 2016 | 1:00PM-2:00PM | In this seminar, Lauren Celano will provide advice for how to succeed during an interview and will cover different interview formats: phone, Skype, in person one-on-one and panel settings. Lauren will provide insight on what hiring managers look for when conducting interviews as well as typical interview questions with examples of responses. Register through the link above!

Grantsmanship for Students and Postdocs: F30, F31, F32 - September 2, 2016 | New York, NY

Unable to attend our workshop next week? Join Science Alliance to learn the skills for concise and persuasive writing that is not only vital in academia, but essential for any career path. During this evening seminar Dr. Jaime Rubin and a panel with recipients of these fellowships will focus on best practices for effective grant writing, specifically applied to individual pre-doctoral and post-doctoral fellowship applications in the biomedical fields. Register for either event of the webinar above!

Course Announcement: IND 410 Mastering Scientific Information

This course will teach students about the process of scientific discovery through the lens of the scientific literature, as well as providing skills focused education to help students understand the quality of that information. The course will also provide students with a brief introduction to a number of tools for managing information as they develop their individual research projects, to support writing of qualifying exam proposals, fellowship applications, manuscripts for publication, and dissertation documents. Contact your program coordinator for details!

THIS WEEK

National Postdoc Appreciation Week
Monday September 19, 2016 – Friday September 23, 2016

GEPA Coffee Hour
Monday September 19, 2016 | 9:00AM-10:00AM | G-9556 (GEPA Suite) | Join the Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs Administration staff for Coffee!

Biology Donut Talk
Monday September 19, 2016 | 12:00PM-1:00PM | Lander Auditorium, Hutchinson Hall | Terry Orr-Weaver, MIT · Whitehead Institute, will talk on "Developmental Regulation of DNA Replication to Control Cell Size."

(PDA & CPD) F-Series & Grant Writing Workshop
Tuesday September 20, 2016 | 10:00PM-4:00PM | [CEL 2-7536] | Dr. Elaine Smolock, the CPD's Writing Specialist, presents a guide to completing your grant application. Review the working parts of F31/32 grants, including the Research Plan and the Training Plan; learn how to develop Specific Aims and Hypothesis driven science; focus on the unique parts of the fellowship (i.e. biosketch, activities planned, and dissertation research). Bring your laptop!


Wednesday September 21, 2016 | 11:00AM-12:30PM | [19576 Ryan Case Method] | There is a reliable path to U.S. employment that has been traveled successfully by many international students over the past 10 years. Learn how they did it, and how you can too! This information can also be beneficial to American trainees as well. Dan is the author of Poverty and nine books will be given away.

Center for AIDS Research: Special Guest Speaker
Thursday, September 22, 2016 | 10:00AM | Ken Cadwell of the Skirball Institute, New York University School of Medicine presents "Host-microbiome Interactions and Inflammatory Bowel Disease," and co-leads roundtable discussion on newly established germ-free mouse facility at UMRC.

NPW: Poster Session
Thursday September 22, 2016 | 10:00AM-12:00PM | [Flaum Atrium] | Join us in learning about the research done by our postdoc community.

NPW: Awards and Happy Hour
Thursday September 22, 2016 | 4:00PM-6:00PM | [Forbes Mezzanine] | Celebrate the winners and join us for light hors d'oeuvres.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UR Year One Program: The Promotion Process and Earning Tenure
Wednesday September 28, 2016 | 11:30AM-2:00PM | [Wilson Commons Havens Lounge] | The session, hosted by Provost Clark and a diverse panel of administrators, provides an overview of the school-specific promotion and tenure process, along with tips from those who have recently been there. Register online. Contact Adele Coelho, faculty outreach coordinator, at (585) 273-2571 or via email at adele.coelho@rochester.edu with any questions.

URBEST Career Story Q&A: Rashpal Bhogal
Tuesday October 4, 2016 | 9:30AM-10:30AM | [Natapow Conference Room 1-9545] | Dr. Rashpal Bhogal, PhD of Medical Science Liaison at Novartis. Dr. Bhogal will highlight some of her day-to-day at Novartis and will share personal reflections on her career trajectory.

Future Faculty Program: Understanding the Faculty Role
Thursday October 6, 2016 | 12:00PM-3:00PM | [Staybridge Suites] | Gain a clearer understanding of the roles and responsibilities of academic careers, hear alumni perspectives on transitioning from graduate student to faculty member, learn of discipline specific expectations and challenges in the job search, including building a CV, and preparing to interview. Register online through link above. Contact Adele Coelho, faculty outreach coordinator, at (585) 273-2571 or via email at adele.coelho@rochester.edu with any questions.

RELEVANT READS

Working with Emotional Intelligence
by Daniel Goleman. 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.

What Attracts Your Career? A Look at Work Motivations and Values
Do you know what motivates you in your career? The NIH Career Blog offers some insightful reading and additional resources to help you figure it out.

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