Opportunities to Explore

A newsletter for graduate students and postdoctoral trainees

Today

Graduate Student Coffee Hour
The Graduate Student Society (GSS) will host a coffee hour from 3 to 4 p.m. Friday, September 2, in the LeChase Assembly Hall (G-9576), Medical Center. Enjoy free coffee and cookies and get to know GSS and your fellow grad students.

Happening Now

Part-Time Proctoring Positions Available
The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning is looking for responsible graduate students to proctor exams for students who receive accommodations, such as extra time and an alternate testing location. Proctoring hours are flexible, but proctors must be able to work at least 10 hours a week. Shifts will be a minimum of three to four hours and will range from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays. To learn more and apply, contact celt@rochester.edu.

RMSC Looking for Volunteers!
Are you an undergraduate, graduate student or faculty? Do you have a background in genetics, synthetic biology, gene manipulation, or environmental sciences? Join us in supporting hands-on science demonstrations for: Building a Better Future’s “SustainABLE” and “Building with Biology” Days, September 10th and September 11th 2016. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Liz at lhalberstadt@rmsc.org.

CIRTL Workshop: Writing a Teaching Philosophy Statement
Wednesday, September 14 and 28 at 3:30-5:00PM ET (Corrected time)
In this two-part workshop, you will learn how to write an effective, peer-reviewed teaching philosophy statement that reflects your teaching beliefs and experiences, approaches to student learning, and examples of best practices in evidence-based instruction. Open for registration August 15 through September 6.

NEW 2016-2017 LSIC Outreach Programs
The Life Sciences Learning Center offers case-based lessons incorporating inquiry, basic lab skills, gel electrophoresis, data analysis and much more. They are offering 3 field trips and 4 on the road lessons for the 2016-2017 school year. Trainees interested in working with them are encouraged to reach out about interning. Find more information here.

This Week

Cracking the Hidden Job Market with guest speaker Don Asher
Wednesday September 7, 2016 | 5:30PM-6:30PM | Hawkins-Carlson Room in Rush Rhees Library | Join fellow Rochester alumni, parents, and friends for a dynamic presentation by renowned career consultant and author Don Asher. Asher will focus on overcoming the hidden job market, sharing tips and tricks to help you succeed in your job search. Registration is required by Friday, September 2. Learn more here.

Seminar: Understanding Student Healthcare
Wednesday September 7, 2016 | 6:00PM-7:00PM | Dewey Hall 2162 | Ralph Manchester, vice provost and director of the University Health Service (UHS), will present a seminar on how to make the most of your mandatory health fee, student health insurance, and UHS facilities. Attending the seminar is recommended for those who have not yet enrolled or waived the student health insurance. The last day to enroll/waive the plan is September 15. RSVP through the link above by Monday, September 5. If you have questions you’d like addressed, send your question with your RSVP. For questions about the seminar, contact Peter Murphy at peter.murphy@rochester.edu.

Learn about NSF Graduate Research Fellowships
Saturday, September 8, 2016 | 4:00PM-6:00PM | Hawkins-Carlson Room in Rush Rhees Library | The Graduate Studies Office in Arts, Sciences, & Engineering is offering an NSF-GRFP workshop. The fellowship three years of stipend and tuition funding for students in research-oriented graduate programs in the physical and life sciences, social sciences, engineering, and the history and philosophy of science. The workshop will feature an introduction to the GRFP, writing tips, as well as a guest panel of former winners and faculty advisors. RSVP by completing this form: https://goo.gl/forms/sz5WpvrF5LiQJkh892

University-Wide Grad Life Event
Friday September 9, 2016 | 4:00PM-6:00PM | Flaum Atrium | Attend this first-ever University-wide graduate student event. Connect with other graduate students outside of your academic field, understand the importance of cross-collaboration in academia and research, and learn about campus clubs and resources for graduate students. There will be free food, engaging speakers, and valuable connections to kick off the new term. A student ID is required for attendance. Contact Glen Dormisite at gpdornsif@reslife.rochester.edu with questions.

Upcoming Events

PDA Monthly Meeting
Tuesday September 13, 2016 | 12:00PM-1:00PM | Alumni Hall | All postdocs are welcome to attend this meeting along with the executive board and committee members of the PDA.

URBEST Career Story Q&A: Sheila Bello-Irizarry
Thursday September 15, 2016 | 12:00PM-1:30PM | TBD. Part of Retreat and Career Workshop | Dr. Sheila Bello-Irizarry, PhD of Integrated Product Development Associate at Rho, a contract research organization. Dr. Bello-Irizarry will speak at the URBUST Retreat and Career Workshop and network with interested trainees.

National Postdoc Appreciation Week
Monday September 19, 2016 – Friday September 23, 2016 | Join us for a week of celebration of our URMC Postdoc community. View the events here.

Relevant Reads

Career Opportunities in Biotechnology and Drug Development
by Toby Freedman. Career Opportunities in Biotechnology and Drug Development provides a comprehensive and systematic overview of careers in the life science industry, with all their ups and downs. 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.

Alternatives to Professorships in Academia
There are plenty of diverse and challenging career paths to be pursued in institutions of higher learning that don’t require a faculty appointment. Read on for more.

Are You Career Competitive?
Graduate students and postdocs should understand the importance of being able to communicate about their competencies to prospective employers during their job search, writes Joseph Barber.

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