Opportunities to Explore
A newsletter for graduate students and postdoctoral trainees

HAPPENING NOW
Science Alliance Offers Professional Development Opportunities
The New York Academy of Sciences offers graduate students and postdoctoral fellows professional development through its Science Alliance program. Science Alliance is a consortium of universities, teaching hospitals, independent research facilities, and organizations whose mission is to help young scientists achieve successful and rewarding careers and to foster lifelong career and professional skills through education, development, and training. Science Alliance offers opportunities to learn and network with other institutions, disciplines, and industries through seminars, workshops, and courses on career leadership, field-specific training, and innovating thinking and communication.

Registration Open for BioCareers Webinar: "Looking your Best on Paper: Building a Resume and Cover Letter for Industry"
This webinar will focus on how to highlight experiences and skills on a resume and cover letter and the importance of tailoring these documents for specific roles. During this webinar, Lauren Celano will provide examples of resumes and cover letters that should be emphasized for different types of roles including bench research roles, non-bench research roles, business development, marketing, consulting, product/project management roles, and clinical roles. Advice will be provided regarding resume and cover letter formatting and examples will be shown to highlight proper formatting. Lastly, attendees will learn how to write a tailored cover letter for a specific job description and what information a hiring manager looks for in this document. Webinar will be July 13th.

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This is a unique and exciting opportunity for PhD students and postdoctoral fellows with backgrounds in sciences to acquire the business, management and networking skills needed to successfully transition to the life sciences industry. The goal of this certificate program is to offer supplemental education to scientists interested in pursuing careers in the applied life sciences industry, or who are interested in learning about the process of commercial development of new therapies. The classes are taken remotely using the innovative Minerva online Active Learning ForumTM to facilitate synchronous active-learning based education. The time commitment is substantial with 6 credit-hours per semester for two semesters; but it can be accomplished while pursuing full-time work or research at your current institution.

THIS WEEK
Researchers Sell Lemonade to Fight Childhood Cancer
Saturday June 11, 2016 | 10:00am | Rochester Public Market. Danielle Benoit, the James P. Wilmot Distinguished Associate Professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, and fellow researchers will be serving lemonade and explaining their work on childhood cancer therapies this weekend as part of a national effort organized by Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Read more...

Postdoctoral Association Meeting
Tuesday June 14, 2016 | 12:30pm-1:30pm | CEL 2-7454 | All postdocs are welcome to attend this meeting along with the executive board and committee members of the PDA.

Inaugural Faculty Mixer: Meet Faculty, Establish New Collaborations
Tuesday June 14, 2016 | 4:30pm | LaChase Assembly (G.9576). Please join us for the inaugural Seeds of Collaboration! A new faculty mixer that will be held monthly during the academic year. The goal is to germinate and incubate discourse that will ultimately result in inter-departmental and cross-disciplinary collaboration, discoveries, publications and grant applications. Featuring five minutes talks by: Doug Portman - “What does sex do to your brain?”; John Elfar - “Introns in Peripheral Nerve Injury Diagnosis and Treatment”; Karen Mustian - “Effects of exercise on immune function and gene expression in skeletal muscle among cancer patients: Mechanisms whereby exercise may improve cancer treatment-related toxicities.” All are welcome; we hope to see you there!

URBEST Career Story Q&A: Lauren Brooks
Thursday June 16, 2016 | 12:00pm-1:00pm | Louise Slaughter Medical Center Room (1-9555) | Dr. Lauren Brooks, PhD Medical Technologist (ASCP) Trainee at Rochester General Hospital and University of Rochester Medical Center. Dr. Brooks will describe her training in Medical Technology, discuss job prospects and will share personal reflections on her career trajectory.

UPCOMING EVENTS
CPD: Networking for Scientists
Tuesday June 21, 2016 | 10:00am-11:00am | Natapow Conference Room (1-9545). This workshop aims to help trainees develop an understanding of networking strategies and resources. It is in it we will attempt to: explain why networking is important; identify ways of describing ourselves and our career goals succinctly; recognize and take advantage of networking opportunities when they arise; develop networking skills; and increase awareness of networking resources.

School of Medicine and Dentistry National Networking Hour
Wednesday June 22, 2016 | 3:00pm-4:00pm | Join us for a virtual networking opportunity to connect with fellow SMD alumni in your region and across the country from your office, lab, home— wherever you are! Hosted by the office of alumni relations and the center for professional development, this hour-long event consists of a series of brief one-on-one messaging chats that allow you to build your professional network in your current or future locale. Registration information to come soon!

RELEVANT READS
First Day to Final Grade, Third Edition: A Graduate Student’s Guide to Teaching
by: Anna Curzan, Lisa Damour. Both a quick reference tool and a fluid read, the book focuses on the “how-to’s” of teaching, such as setting up a lesson plan, running a discussion, and grading, as well as issues specific to the teaching assistant’s unique role as both student and teacher. Visit the CPD’s Teaching 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.

Anatomy of a Job Ad
To land the position you really want, it’s important to spend some time analyzing the job postings first, argues Julia McAnallen.

Giving Useful Praise and Criticism
How to constructively evaluate the people who report to you.

Planning for a Dual-Hire Search
A couple looking ahead to the fall wonders how to strategize the joint job hunt.

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