Hello OPA Community!

As you probably know by now, this week is OSU Postdoc Appreciation Week!

OSU is celebrating National Postdoc Appreciation Week (“NPAW”) this week and the flagship event is the 3rd annual Postdoc Research Symposium on Thurs. The rest of the country celebrated in Sept, but at OSU we wait for the term to begin. Last year NPAW was recognized by 108 institutions in the U.S and Canada.

The main event will be a wine/appetizer/poster session in MU 49 (Horizon Conference Room – the old bookstore) on October 9, 5:00-7:00. There will be 30-something posters and Provost Sabah Randhawa will be speaking to open the event shortly after 5 PM.

Hope to see you all there!

Recent media pieces about the state of postdoc employment and future outlook

All worth a read!


Professional Development Opportunity – Industry Exploration Program

The OSU Industry Exploration Program presents: "Navigating the Hiring Process outside Academia – a Workshop for Early-Career Researchers"

This workshop aims to aid early-career researchers in navigating industry hiring processes and preparing for job applications and interviews. This workshop is organized by the OSU Postdoc Association through its Industry Exploration Program (IEP) and co-sponsored by Hewlett-Packard Company (HP) and the OSU Advantage.

At this workshop you will have the unique opportunity to learn from and interact with an HR representative and technical hiring managers from Hewlett-Packard Company (HP). You will learn about the role of HR in the hiring process, do’s and don’ts, and common mistakes. You will also learn about the interview process and how to efficiently present your skills and expertise.

We encourage and welcome postdocs from all over campus to sign up for this workshop! If you sign up before October 9th you have the possibility to volunteer a resume to be reviewed and critiqued. Please note that this offer is only available to a very limited number of resumes.

The workshop takes place 5:00 pm-7:15 pm on Thursday, October 23rd and is primarily open to OSU early-career researchers who are postdocs, research associates, or similar. Complimentary drinks and appetizers will be served. This event is limited to 24 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up, please click here.

***It may be possible to attend this event remotely via goto-meeting. Please contact Linnéa Andersson (linnea.andersson@oregonstate.edu) for more information about this possibility, and if you have any other questions about this workshop.***

IDP

As you prepare your Individual Development Plan (IDP), please use the new template available on the OPP website: http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/sites/gradschool.oregonstate.edu/files/forms/postdocs-individual-development-plan-template_091614_dw.docx

There is also an example document provided for guidance: http://oregonstate.edu/dept/grad_school/docs/postdocs/postdocs-individual-development-plan-example.pdf

Opportunities

**Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biology**

Solicitation: NSF 15-501
Due Date: January 08, 2015
Institutional Limit: See Limit Summary
Limit Summary: Only individuals may apply. There is no limit on the number of applicants that an institution may host.

The Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO) awards Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biology to recent recipients of the doctoral degree for research and training in selected areas supported by BIO and with special goals for human resource development in biology. The fellowships encourage independence at an early stage of the research career to permit Fellows to pursue their research and training goals in the most appropriate research locations regardless of the availability of funding for the
Fellows at that site. For FY 2015 and beyond, these BIO programs are (1) Broadening Participation of Groups Under-represented in Biology, (2) Research Using Biological Collections, and (3) National Plant Genome Initiative (NPGI) Postdoctoral Research Fellowships. These areas change periodically as new scientific and infrastructure opportunities present themselves. For this reason, this solicitation will be changed as necessary to reflect the areas being funded.

The fellowships are also designed to provide active mentoring of the Fellows by the sponsoring scientists who will benefit from having these talented young scientists in their research groups. The research and training plan of each fellowship must address important scientific questions within the scope of the BIO Directorate and the specific guidelines in this fellowship program solicitation. Because the fellowships are offered to postdoctoral scientists only early in their careers, NSF encourages doctoral advisors to discuss the availability of these postdoctoral fellowships in biology with their graduate students early in their doctoral programs to ensure potential applicants may take advantage of this funding opportunity. Fellowships are awards to individuals, not institutions, and are administered by the Fellows.

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**Zotero, EndNote, and Data Management Workshops at The Valley Library**

The Fall Grad Student & Faculty Workshop Series kicks off on October 13th! Want to capture, manage and cite your research sources more efficiently? Learn how Zotero (10/13) or EndNote (10/14) can save you time and help you organize your references.

Do you need to develop or enhance your data management plan or manage your research data more efficiently? Check out Intro to Data Management (10/14). View the full series offerings at http://bit.ly/graduate-workshops. Registration is encouraged but not required.

Questions? Contact Hannah.Rempel@oregonstate.edu

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**Data Incubator Fellowship**

Program: The Data Incubator is an intensive six-week fellowship that prepares postdocs and PhDs in STEM + social science fields seeking industry careers as data scientists. The program is free for fellows and supported by sponsorships from dozens of employers across multiple industries. In response to the overwhelming interest in our earlier summer and fall sessions, we will be holding a winter postdoc fellowship.

Locations: There will be both an in-person (in NYC) and online section of the fellowship.

Dates: Both sections will be from 01/05/15 to 02/13/15

Who should apply: Anyone within one year of graduating from a PhD program or who has already obtained a PhD is welcome to apply. Applications from international students welcome. There is a common application for both the online and in-person sections. Everyone else (including non-PhDs) is encouraged to sign-up for a future session.

For additional information, checkout our website, blog, Venture Beat article, or Harvard Business Review piece.

Sincerely,
Michael
Postdoc, Cornell

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**2014 Flu Shot Clinics: Oct. 9 and 15 in MU Journey Room**
Student Health Services is offering flu shots for OSU students, faculty and staff on Thursday, Oct. 9 and Wednesday, Oct. 15, in the MU Journey Room, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- **Students**: $20 for injectable vaccine - Charged to your OSU student account. Bring your OSU ID card.
- **Graduate Students with PacificSource Insurance**: $20 for injectable vaccine - Charge will be billed directly to PacificSource. Bring your insurance card and OSU ID card.
- **Faculty/Staff**: $30 for injectable vaccine. If covered by the PEBB Insurance Plan (Providence), the fee will be billed directly to insurance. Bring your insurance card and OSU ID card. If not covered by PEBB, faculty/staff may also pay on site by cash or check.

Flumist nasal vaccine is also available for healthy individuals up to age 49 (cost: $30 students; $40 faculty/staff), while supplies last.

For more information about the flu, go to studenthealth.oregonstate.edu/flu.

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