Hello OPA Community,

I would like to congratulate the new OPA Executive Board on their new roles, and I look forward to working with each and everyone in the coming year.

The new OPA board consists of:

President = Sumit Saha
VP = Jennifer Faith
Secretary = Amy Klocko
Treasurer = Ann Sitomer
Membership & Volunteer Coord. = Cory Perkins
Webmaster = Kathleen Prudic
Social Activities Coord. = Renee Greer
IEP Coordinator = Jeffrey Oliver
Professional Development Coord. = Amanda Brown

Good luck, 2015 Executive Board!

At the same time, I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the outgoing board for all their effort, including the efficient and professional management of the organization during their term. They have made tremendous strides in setting up the OPA for continued success, and are leaving the organization in very good shape for the incoming board to take over and be successful.

When you see these guys around, give them a thanks for all their hard work!

Outgoing board:

President = Rebecca Hutchinson
VP = Yasmeen Nkromah-Elie
Secretary = Sumit Saha
Treasurer = David Dickson
Membership & Volunteer Coord. = Doni Schwalm
Webmaster = Sascha Hallett
Social Activities Coord. = Robert Kokenyesi
IEP Coordinator = Linnéa Andersson
Professional Development Coord. = Jim Rivers
Opportunities

National Research Council (NRC)
Research Associateship Programs

The National Research Council of the National Academies sponsors a number of awards for graduate, postdoctoral and senior researchers at participating federal laboratories and affiliated institutions. These awards include generous stipends ranging from $42,000 - $80,000 per year for recent Ph.D. recipients, and are proportionally higher for Senior Associates. Graduate entry level stipends begin at $30,000 and are higher for additional experience. These awards provide the opportunity for recipients to do independent research in some of the best-equipped and staffed laboratories in the U.S.

More detailed information and an online application can be found at www.nationalacademies.org/rap.

There are four annual review cycles:

**Review Cycle: February; Opens December 1; Closes February 1**
Review Cycle: May; Opens March 1; Closes May 1
Review Cycle: August; Opens June 1; Closes August 1
Review Cycle: November; Opens September 1; Closes November 1

Questions should be directed to the NRC at 202-334-2760 (phone) or rap@nas.edu.

Applicants should contact prospective Adviser(s) at the lab(s) prior to the application deadline to discuss their research interests and funding opportunities.

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Check out the OSU Libraries’ free Graduate Student & Faculty Winter Break Workshops. Registration is encouraged, but not required. For complete session descriptions, visit: [http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/Library-Workshops-for-Grad-Students-Faculty](http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/Library-Workshops-for-Grad-Students-Faculty)

Can't make it to a session? Many of the sessions have handouts or online tutorials: [http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/WorkshopHandouts](http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/WorkshopHandouts)

**Basic EndNote Workshop**
**Monday, Dec. 15**, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Autzen Classroom

**Intermediate/Advanced EndNote**
**Monday, December 15**, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Autzen Classroom

**Intro to Qualtrics - Making Great Surveys**
**Monday, December 15**, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Autzen Classroom
**Advanced Qualtrics**  
**Monday, December 15**, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Autzen Classroom

**Intro to Data Management Workshop**  
**Tuesday, December 16**, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Autzen Classroom

**Mendeley**  
**Tuesday, December 16**, 11:00 - 12:30 p.m., Autzen Classroom

**Showcasing Your Research - Managing Publications for Your Thesis, Dossier, or CV**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 16**, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., Autzen Classroom

**Intro to Zotero: A Web-Based Way to Manage Your Citations**  
**Tuesday, December 16**, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., Autzen Classroom

**Intermediate/Advanced Zotero**  
**Tuesday, December 16**, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Autzen Classroom