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1. STEM Fellowship Writing Workshop: Writing Personal Statements 10/11 & 10/13

Steve Pijut, Associate Director of the Writing Center, will cover how to write NIH and NIH-style biosketches, personal statements, contributions to science, and career development goals for NIH and private foundation fellowships.

Medical Campus: Tuesday, October 11, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm, Holden Auditorium, Farrell Learning and Teaching Center (FLTC)

Danforth Campus: Thursday, October 13, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Brauer Hall 12

More info: [http://dbbs.wustl.edu/cpd/seminarsworkshops/Pages/STEM-Fellowship-Writing-Workshop.aspx](http://dbbs.wustl.edu/cpd/seminarsworkshops/Pages/STEM-Fellowship-Writing-Workshop.aspx)

2. Networking; Only 20% of Openings Are Advertised 10/11 & 10/13

Tuesday, October 11, 4:00-5:30 p.m., Medical School Campus – FLTC 210

Thursday, October 13, 11:30-1:00 p.m., Danforth Campus - DUC 234

Recommended for all graduate students and postdocs, particularly before you attend your first conference. Attendance is limited to these events. To register, please log into CAREERlink at careercenter.wustl.edu. Search the calendar for the times and dates listed above and RSVP. Don’t have a CAREERlink account? Contact the Career Center at 314-935-5930 or email careers@wustl.edu.

3. Addressing Inclusion & Diversity in Job Materials 10/11

Danforth Campus: Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 4-5:30 pm, Seigle Hall 208

This workshop will explore different ways to reflect on, document, and communicate a commitment to diversity and inclusion in your job market materials. Discussion will include strategies for addressing inclusion in teaching philosophy statements as well as writing a diversity statement, a document that is increasingly being requested in academic job announcements.

Register: [https://teachingcenter.wustl.edu/events/2016-1011-diversity-statement/](https://teachingcenter.wustl.edu/events/2016-1011-diversity-statement/)

4. Introduction to Research Computing Workshop Series – Starts 10/12

WUSTL’s Center for High Performance Computing (CHPC) and Becker Library are offering a new workshop series to introduce the basics of computing and the resources available through the CHPC. The series will include the four workshops listed below. Register for as many as you’d like, depending on your interests and experience level. There are no prerequisites for these workshops, they are open to all experience levels.

These workshops will be held on four consecutive Wednesdays in October and November (see specific dates below), each running from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. All workshops will be in Farrell Learning and Teaching Center, Room 304. These workshops are hands-on, so please bring a laptop.

Registration is required for all four workshops. Click on the workshop titles below to register.

#1 The Tools to Connect and Move Data (10/12/16)

**Goal** – to develop an understanding of the tools needed to connect to the CHPC and transfer data back and forth

#2 Getting Around the Linux Command Line Interface (10/19/16)

**Goal** – to develop a basic understanding of Unix commands and the Unix file system

#3 Text Editors and Shell Scripts (10/26/16)

**Goal** – to gain knowledge of some of the options for text editors and learn how to write and execute basic shell scripts

#4 Running Jobs on the CHPC Cluster (11/2/16)

**Goal** – to learn how to write and submit batch scripts to run applications on the CHPC computing cluster

5. Career Transition Fellowship Panel for Postdocs 10/13

Please join us for a Q&A session with panelists who have accepted or reviewed NIH Grants on Thursday, October 13th, 2016, from noon to 1:00 pm at FLTC room 205. Pizza and drinks will be served.

A good opportunity to ask for tips and tricks to get funded and what to avoid!

RSVP here: [https://goo.gl/IRrKuc](https://goo.gl/IRrKuc)

Event sponsored by the WU Postdoc Society (WUPS). For questions, reach us here: postdocsociety@wustl.edu

6. WU-Startup Training Lab – kick-off event 10/14

Friday, October 7, 3-5 pm, Brown Lounge, Brown Hall, Danforth Campus – learn more about the Startup Training Lab (first session is October 21) and the Social Enterprise & Innovation Competition

7. Interview and Negotiate Like a Pro 10/18 & 10/20

Tuesday, October 18, 4:00-5:30 p.m., Medical School Campus – FLTC 210

Thursday, October 20, 11:30-1:00 p.m., Danforth Campus - DUC 234

Open to all graduate students and postdocs and recommended particularly for those in their penultimate year. Attendance is limited to these events. To register, please log into CAREERlink at careercenter.wustl.edu. Search the calendar for the times and dates listed above and RSVP. Don’t have a CAREERlink account? Contact the Career Center at 314-935-5930 or email careers@wustl.edu.
8. BioSTL FREE SBIR/STTR Training Workshop
Do you think you have a great business idea, but need funding? BioSTL is hosting a free day and a half SBIR/STTR training workshop October 18 - 19 to help companies navigate the application process. Developing SBIR/STTR proposals is a complex process with a steep learning curve, but the impact of receiving $millions in non-dilutive funding is worth the effort. This 1.5-day workshop is timed to coincide with the January 5, 2017, National Institutes of Health’s (NIH) deadline and will provide detailed instruction on developing a competitive proposal for the NIH SBIR/STTR program.

**When:** October 18: 8am - 4pm (lunch will be provided) & October 19: 8 - 11:30am

**Where:** CIC@CET - 20 South Sarah Street Showroom, St. Louis, Missouri 63108

**More information and to register:** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sbirsttr-training-tickets-27009434947?aff=mcivte&mc_eid=0331765a42&mc_cid=1877eb5015

9. Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA) Training Workshop 10/19
A scientist from QIAGEN will be on campus to lead an Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA) training workshop on Wednesday, October 19th. The workshop will run from 12:30-3:30 in Holden Auditorium (see agenda below), and will be hands-on, so please bring your laptop. Free IPA trial accounts (good for 30 days) will be given to all workshop participants. Email Marcy Vana (vanam@wustl.edu) at Becker Library with any questions.

**Registration is required**

**Agenda:**
12:30 - 1:00    Search and Explore: Explore IPA’s knowledge and discovery tools
1:00 - 2:30    Data Upload and Results Interpretation: Learn how to format your own data, analyze it in IPA, and interpret the results
2:30 - 3:30    Advanced topics: Integrating multiple data types, causal networks, variant analysis, and more

10. Addressing Inclusion & Diversity in Job Materials 10/20
Medical Campus: Thursday, October 20, 2016, 2 pm, Holden Auditorium
This workshop will explore different ways to reflect on, document, and communicate a commitment to diversity and inclusion in your job market materials. Discussion will include strategies for addressing inclusion in teaching philosophy statements as well as writing a diversity statement, a document that is increasingly being requested in academic job announcements.

**Register:** http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/calendar_event.aspx?EvID=4681

11. OUTgrads LGBTQ+ Careers Panel & Networking Happy Hour with Monsanto 10/20
- Thursday, October 20 / 6-7:30 PM
- Farrell Learning and Teaching Center (Medical Campus), Room 214
- Co-Sponsored with Encompass: Monsanto’s employee diversity network that focuses on developing and leveraging the talents of its lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) employees, as well as the talents of their allies.
- Panelists will discuss their experiences working at Monsanto as members of the LGBT and ally community. They will discuss the benefits and challenges of being out and/or vocal in the workplace, including the impact on their careers.

12. Clinical Trials Symposium 10/21
Presented by the Missouri Cures Education Foundation
Friday, October 21, 2016
8:30 a.m. - noon
Donald Danforth Plant Science Center
975 N. Warson Road, Saint Louis, MO 63132

**To register or go to:** clinicaltrialssymposium.eventbrite.com

**Questions? Email:** info@MissouriCures.org

13. Halloween Postdoc Happy Hour 10/25
It is that time of the year again!!! Join us for our Halloween Postdoc Happy Hour on Tuesday, Oct. 25th 2016, from 4-5:30 pm in FLTC room 214. We will have a pumpkin carving competition, a spooky trivia, beer and non-alcoholic beverages, snacks and candy! If you want to participate in the carving competition, please bring your own carving set! Guests and kids are welcome! Wear a costume for the event if you like, you won't be alone!

**RSVP here:** https://goo.gl/2VZR2Bp

Event sponsored by the WU Postdoc Society (WUPS). For questions, reach us here: postdocsociety@wustl.edu

14. Opportunities for PhDs Beyond the Research Professorate 10/25 & 10/27
Tuesday, October 25, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Medical School Campus – FLTC 210
Thursday, October 27, 11:30-1:00 p.m. Danforth Campus - DUC 234
Open to all graduate students and postdocs. Attendance is limited to these events. To register, please log into CAREERlink at careercenter.wustl.edu. Search the calendar for the times and dates listed above and RSVP. Don’t have a CAREERlink account? Contact the Career Center at 314-935-5930 or email careers@wustl.edu.

15. OUTgrads October Happy Hour 10/26
- Wednesday, October 26
- Three Kings Pub

16. Individual Development Plan (IDP) Workshop 10/27
In this interactive workshop, you will have the opportunity to create a new Individual Development Plan (IDP) or update an existing IDP. Jessica Hutchins, Ph.D., DBBS & OPA Education Coordinator, will lead you through the steps of self-assessment and goal-setting that can help you stay on track both academically and professionally.
Register and more info: http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/calendar_event.aspx?EvID=4824

17. 8 Ways to Successfully Navigate NIH Peer Review and Get a Fellowship Grant 11/2
Wednesday, November 2, 2016, 1 pm
Medical Campus: Holden Auditorium
Danforth Campus: DUC 276
The Vice Chancellor for Research is hosting a viewing of this NIH webinar on peer review and the fellowship application process. This briefing will be led by representatives from the NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSF) and will cover the key things applicants need to know about the submission and review of their fellowship applications.
More info: http://public.csr.nih.gov/Pages/csrwebinar.aspx

18. Faculty Career Hiring Panel 11/3
Thursday, November 3, 2016, 1 pm, Holden Auditorium
Do you have questions about the academic faculty hiring process? What should you include in your application packet? What happens on interview day, and how do I prepare? How do search committees and department heads make their decisions? For all these topics and more, please join us for a panel discussion on academic hiring processes and experiences with panelists:
Lilianna Solnica-Krezel, Ph.D., Professor and Department Head of Developmental Biology
Samantha Morris, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Developmental Biology and Genetics
Register and more info: http://dbbs.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/calendar_event.aspx?EvID=4798

19. AAI Travel for Techniques Award
Applications Deadline: OCTOBER 15
The AAI Travel for Techniques Program assists AAI members in expanding their skills to benefit their research. Applications are reviewed three times per year. The deadline for the current review cycle is October 15, 2016.
Qualifying AAI regular or associate members can receive up to $1,500 in reimbursable expenses to support travel to another laboratory to learn a particular technique.
Applications will be evaluated for relevance of the technique to the applicant’s research program and financial need. Visit http://aai.org/Careers/TfT.html to learn more and download the application.

20. Center of Regenerative Medicine Postdoctoral Fellow Seed Grants – due 10/31
Through the generous support of numerous departments, schools and the Dean of the School of Medicine, the CRM is pleased to offer one-year research seed grants to postdoctoral fellows. The intent of these grants is to facilitate innovative research in regenerative medicine, focused on human pluripotent stem cells (hPSCs), human adult tissue stem cells (ASCs), or newly initiated interdisciplinary collaborations among CRM labs. We anticipate that these grants will be used to generate sufficient data to apply for extramural funding. Please visit http://devbio.wustl.edu/REGMED/funding1.html for full details.

21. Sloan Foundation Microbiology of the Built Environment – LOI due 10/31
The Sloan Foundation has just released a new grant opportunity for postdoctoral fellowships. The foundation is teaming up with NASA to promote microbiology research related to the space program as part of their general interest in building the field of Microbiology of the Built Environment.
Sloan is accepting applications (notice of intent due 10/31, proposals due 11/30) for two Postdoctoral Fellowships to study microbial populations isolated from the International Space Station. These would be $140K/two-year awards. Eligible applicants are: graduate students in final year of their PhD, postdoctoral fellows (PhD, MD - with fewer than 4 years of training), or those who received a doctoral degree within the past 2 years, but have not yet had postdoctoral training.
Please contact Deepa Srikanta (srikanta@wustl.edu) if you have further questions.
22. AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships
AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships (STPF) provide opportunities to outstanding scientists and engineers to learn first-hand about policymaking and contribute their knowledge and analytical skills in the policy realm. Fellows serve yearlong assignments in the federal government and represent a broad range of backgrounds, disciplines, and career stages. Each year, STPF adds to a growing corps over 3,000 strong of policy-savvy leaders working across academia, government, nonprofits, and industry to serve the nation and citizens around the world. **The application deadline is November 1, 11:59 p.m. ET.** For more information about the AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships, please visit our website at [http://www.aaas.org/stpf](http://www.aaas.org/stpf). Questions? Please contact us at [fellows@aaas.org](mailto:fellows@aaas.org) or 202-326-6700.

23. Partnership for Clean Competition Fellowship Program
The PCC Fellowship Program supports qualified scientists interested in the field of anti-doping, committed to meaningful research, and demonstrating potential for long-term contribution to the field of anti-doping science. Fellows selected by the PCC participate in a two-year program. Fellows gain practical knowledge from a U.S.-based, WADA-accredited laboratory and conduct research supporting the anti-doping field. The Fellow will receive a $50,000 per year stipend in each of the first two years. The institutions in which the research will be conducted would be paid overhead in addition to the salary stipend. Either the WADA-accredited laboratory or the Fellow’s home institution will still be eligible to apply for other research project funds from the PCC. **Please note that the most important criteria for acceptance into the program is the quality of the postdoctoral fellow and not the proposed research per se.** Application deadline is November 1, 2016.


24. Regeneron Prize for Outstanding Research
Washington University is being invited to nominate two graduate students and two post-doctoral fellows for the Regeneron Prize for Outstanding Research. The mission of the prize is to recognize and honor Excellence in Biomedical Science conducted by graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

**Prize details:** One graduate student and one post-doctoral fellow will be selected to receive the Regeneron Prize for Outstanding Research each year. Each prize will include a check for $50,000. In addition, prize winners will receive a $5,000 donation to their home institution to help support their seminar series. Semi-finalists and finalists for each prize will be awarded $5,000 (approximately 8-10 applicants for each prize will be selected for this distinction).

**Instructions for Internal Selection**
If you wish to propose a candidate for Washington University’s nomination(s), please forward the following materials for internal review:

1. **Cover page**
2. Applicant’s curriculum vitae (including publications)
3. Research proposal (two single-spaced pages) describing a "dream" project that you would want to do within the field of biomedical science. As a guideline, applicants should imagine what research they would do if they had access to the resources and technologies available in the Regeneron environment. Applicants should include a description of the design of the project as well as its potential to make an impact in biomedicine.

Nomination materials should be submitted electronically as a single PDF to: internalselections@wustl.edu at (or near) 11:59 P.M. **November 15, 2016.**

*Please note that the application from the selected candidate is anticipated to be due January 2017.
The research proposal guidelines for the 2016 competition are available [here](mailto:) as a guide.

25. Postdoctoral Mentored Training Program in Clinical Investigation (MTPCI)
MTPCI provides multidisciplinary clinical and translational research training to promote the career development of junior faculty and postdoctoral fellows by helping them become clinical and translational researchers.

- 17 credit hour training program
- Typically takes 2-3 years to complete
- Tuition discount
- 50-60% protected time required
- US citizen or Permanent Residency required
- Can add credits and complete MSCI degree

More info: [https://crtc.wustl.edu/programs/postdoctoral/mtpci/](https://crtc.wustl.edu/programs/postdoctoral/mtpci/). **Apply by November 1, 2016**

26. WU TIES Educational Specialist Positions
The Transformational Initiative for Education in STEM (TIES) at Washington University is hiring two Educational Specialists, one in the Department of Biology, and one in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. The TIES Educational Specialists will collaborate with faculty to implement course transformations by supporting the introduction of evidenced-based pedagogies, conducting rigorous assessments of the transformed course, and helping faculty increase their knowledge of teaching and learning.
Both positions are full time, time-limited (3 years) staff positions. More information can be found in the following links: https://circle.wustl.edu/open-position-ties-education-specialist-biology/ and https://circle.wustl.edu/open-position-ties-education-specialist-psychological-brain-sciences/. Respond by 10/31.

27. WashU Genomics Mailing List
Keeping current on what is new in genomics at WashU remains a challenge. For the last 12 years we have maintained a mailing list for interested researchers. The list is used sparingly for announcements of meetings, classes and other items of general genomics interest. Genomics technologies are constantly evolving. For example, GTAC (link below) has incorporated and will soon be launching:
- single cell RNA-seq of FACS-sorted cells
- a 1300 epitope proteomic microarray
- GV9, the most sensitive and precise 16S typing system that we are aware of
- Characterization of rare variants in circulating free DNA (cfDNA)
- In addition, pricing continues to drop: whole exomes now can cost as little as $480/sample for large studies (>96 samples).

There is a symposium planned for late next month to review these new services in detail. Announcement on the email list to follow. Please use this link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y8J55J7 if you wish to be included in the Washington University Genomics mailing list.

28. WUSTL Grants Library
The Office of Training Grants (OTG) has developed a Grants Library to serve as a centralized resource for grant writers and investigators at various career stages. This site contains:
- Awarded training, career, and research grant applications (NIH, private, and institutional)
- General stock language and proposal templates and tools

This resource is available on Box to all Washington University faculty, staff, and students with a WUSTL key. If you are a successful grant recipient and would like to share a read-only version of your grant, please fill out the Grant Library Consent Form, and send the portions of the application that you are comfortable sharing to Betsy Abente. The OTG can assist in with de-identifying budgetary or any other sensitive information contained in your application.

29. Focus on Teaching & Technology Conference at UMSL
November 3-4, 2016
The Focus on Teaching and Technology Conference offers an ensemble of keynote addresses, faculty innovations during concurrent sessions, technology workshops, and vendor exhibits. The conference program has evolved over the years to reflect emerging trends in technology applications in higher education and shared expertise in online teaching experiences and strategies.

Because Washington University is a conference sponsor, WU postdocs can attend for free. Register using the Sponsored Attendee link and select Washington University from the university affiliation dropdown menu.
Register: http://www.umsl.edu/services/ctl/fttc/ (Select the Sponsored Attendee registration option)

30. SLU Center for Neuroscience 2nd Annual Research Symposium
November 4 2016, 1-5 pm
The SLU Center for Neuroscience will be holding its second Annual Research Symposium this coming November. This symposium offers the opportunity for members of the SLU community to showcase ongoing research that furthers our understanding of the function of the nervous system in health and disease. The symposium will consist of a seminar by a nationally-recognized speaker, a 2-hour poster session, followed by a reception. Attendance is open to all members of the University as well as the wider community.

By providing a space to highlight projects that connect to the Center’s mission, the symposium aims not only to raise awareness about Center members’ activities but also to promote collaboration, disseminate knowledge, and provide an opportunity for networking and continued growth of neuroscience research and scholarship at Saint Louis University

Registration for the meeting can be done here: https://sites.google.com/a/slu.edu/slu-center-for-neuroscience/registration-for-symposium

There are no registration or submission fees. Call for abstracts has now closed.

31. The NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) are now accepting applications!
The escalating costs of advanced education and training in medicine and clinical specialties are forcing some scientists to abandon their research careers for higher-paying private sector careers. The LRPs counteract that financial pressure by repaying up to $35,000/year (for 2 years) of a researcher’s qualified educational debt in return for a commitment to engage in NIH mission-relevant research. Since tomorrow’s medical breakthroughs will be made by investigators starting their research careers today, the LRPs represent an important investment by NIH in the future of health discovery and the wellbeing of the Nation. The deadline to submit your application is November 15. Visit www.lrp.nih.gov for more details and to apply.
32. Join the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) for FREE!
As you may know, Wash U is a Sustaining Member of the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) and one of the greatest benefits is you can become an Affiliate Member of the NPA for free! We encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to help you network with other postdocs across the country and gain access to members-only resources that can help further your career.

**Signing up is simple. Click on this link and register with your @wustl email address.** Once you click "Submit," the NPA Membership Manager will review your Affiliate membership within five working days and you will receive an email when it has been approved.

As an NPA Affiliate Member, you are entitled to these benefits:

- **Subscription** to NPA e-alerts, a periodic news announcement, and *The POSTDOCKET*, the NPA’s official quarterly newsletter
- **Reduced registration fees** to the NPA Annual Meeting & eligibility for the NPA travel award program
- **Access to members-only NPA web content**, such as career planning resources and policy information
- **Access to NPA member groups** to connect & network with fellow NPA members
- **Discounts to some services and products.**
- **Opportunities to serve and contribute** your expertise on a variety of NPA committees
- **National representation** on postdoctoral issues

33. Clayton Condo Sublet (from former WU postdoc)
We are renting out our Clayton Condo as we are moving onto the next postdoc. I have posted our rental on a few sites but I want to get the word out more. Here is the listing, in case you know of any new post docs looking for housing. It is a 3bedroom/2bath. [http://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-detail/7532-York-Dr-Apt-3E_Saint-Louis_MO_63105_M81013-98114](http://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-detail/7532-York-Dr-Apt-3E_Saint-Louis_MO_63105_M81013-98114)
And: [https://stlouis.craigslist.org/apa/5805478976.html](https://stlouis.craigslist.org/apa/5805478976.html)

34. Postdoc T-shirts!
We have new postdoc T-shirts! They are charcoal gray with a white WU logo on the front, and the word POSTDOC and the STEM departments on the back. Cost is $5 each, cash only. Stop by the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) to purchase one, there is usually someone available between 9 and 4pm. Questions? Email **postdoc@wusm.wustl.edu**.

**We are on Twitter & Facebook!** The audience for both accounts is current WU postdocs but they are open anyone, so please like our FB page and follow us on Twitter! We’ll be posting info about OPA & WUPS events and Career Center activities as well as other events and items of interest to postdocs. You can find us at:

**Twitter**: @WUSTLPostdoc, WUSTL Postdoc Office  [http://twitter.com/wustlpostdoc](http://twitter.com/wustlpostdoc)

**Facebook**: [https://www.facebook.com/OPA.WUSTL](https://www.facebook.com/OPA.WUSTL), Washington University Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

We also have a [LinkedIn Group](https://www.linkedin.com) for current & alumni postdocs – [Washington University in St. Louis Postdocs](http://www.linkedin.com/groups) - please join if you haven’t already. This is a private group for career development and networking and is meant to help postdocs keep in touch, especially after they complete their postdoc.

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