Dear MU postdocs,

Find below some useful information for you. The new opportunities that I have not shared before are in blue.

**Postdoctoral Faculty Mentor Award**
This award represents an appreciation for a MU faculty mentor who has demonstrated either a profound, sustained, or leadership contribution to improving the postdoctoral experience. The nomination must be made by a postdoctoral scholar. This is a great opportunity to acknowledge a faculty mentor who goes above and beyond to support you (mentee). Click here to see the details.

- The due date for the award is fast approaching (December 1, 2022).

**MU Postdoctoral Research Grant**
The grant awards help defray the costs of conducting a clearly defined research project that is not financially supported by other grants, faculty members, or their department/division. The research project should be led by the postdoctoral scholar and represent a contribution to their independent research program.

- Applications are due by Tuesday, November 1 by 5:00 PM. For more details and application materials, click here.

**MU Postdoctoral Association (MUPA) Travel Awards**
MU postdoctoral scholars may receive up to $300 towards costs for attending any Meeting/Conference and/or training program taking place from September 1st, 2022, to December 31st, 2022.

- Deadline: 5 pm on November 1, 2022. For more details and application materials, click here.

**External Awards, Fellowships, & Prizes**

- **Cell Bio 2022 Travel Grants**
  - The travel grant, sponsored by IPERT/NIH, is a MAC grant for underrepresented minorities. These grants cover up to $1,800 depending on existing funding applicant must attend the meeting.
  - Also, applications are now open and approved applications will be reimbursed for childcare expenses to attend the ASCB (American Society for Cell Biology) 2022 Cell Bio. Click here for more info. The deadline for the Familycare Grant is October 14
  - Deadline: October 14, 2022
- **NSF Earth Sciences Postdoctoral Fellowships**
  - Deadline: November 2, 2022
- **Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biology**
  - Deadline: November 3, 2022
- **Ocean Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (OCE-PRF)**
  - Deadline: November 15, 2022
- **Fellowship Training Research Proposals - Morris Animal Foundation**
  - Apply here.
  - Deadline: December 2, 2022
- **SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowships**
  - Deadline: December 2, 2022
- **Mathematical and Physical Sciences Ascending Postdoctoral Research Fellowships**
  - Deadline: January 25, 2023
- **Postdoctoral research fellowships funded by the Office of Polar Programs**
  - Deadline: February 6, 2023
- **Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (AGS-PRF)**
  - Proposals are accepted anytime.
- See more funding opportunities here and search Pivot. Pivot is a searchable database of funding opportunities that also helps identify potential collaborators. You can also create alerts based on keywords and areas of interest.

**Presentations/Workshops**

- **MU Employee Assistance Program (EAP) hosts stress reduction classes**
  - Click here for the EAP website and here for more information about each session.
    - Oct. 11, 12:00 p.m. — Guidelines for Love
- Oct. 25, 12:00 p.m. — Parenting – Raising Children
- Nov. 8, 12:00 p.m. — Emotional Intelligence
- Nov. 22, 12:00 p.m. — Working with People in Crisis
- Dec. 7, 12:00 p.m. — Managing Stress in Organizations
- Dec. 21, 12:00 p.m. — Managing in Times of Change
  - Remember, MU postdocs are eligible for services offered by MU Employee Assistance Program.
- Recruiting Scientists: An Employer Perspective
  - The recruitment market for scientists and other PhDs working at science-focused enterprises is vast and highly competitive. Yet prospects for graduates across many fields of expertise has never been better. What does it take to prepare for, and succeed in landing a meaningful job in this industry? What are the prospects for current graduates? Dr. Anne Meyer-Mineris a Scientific Recruiter at STEMCELL Technologies and brings first-hand experience in developing employer partnerships and helping scientists find meaningful jobs in industry. During her graduate degree, she was also an executive lead for the Life Sciences Career Development Society and currently is an active member of the Graduate Career Consortium.
    - Go to versatilephd for more information.
    - October 12, 2 pm CT. Zoom link.
- How to Engage in Healthy Conflict
  - In this webinar, you will learn:
    - How conflict-management is an essential part of thriving in the Academy?
    - How to decide when to push back and when to pull back in the face of conflict.
    - The difference between healthy and unhealthy conflict.
    - How to get clear about the role that power plays in resolving departmental conflicts.
    - Ten tips for engaging in healthy conflict
  - The University of Missouri is an institutional member of the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD), and as such you get a free account. If you have not registered with NCFDD yet, click here to register. Click here to watch the previous workshops.
  - Thursday, October 13, 1-2 pm. Register here.
- NPA Mypostdoc monthly: Health Insurance 101
  - Accessing care through the U.S. healthcare system can seem like a daunting, mountainous task. After all, we fear the unknown. In fact, a recent survey shows that only four percent of Americans truly understand the key components of their health insurance and how they impact their out-of-pocket costs, and for international postdocs, the statistic is undoubtedly even lower. Join us for an informative webinar where we will discuss those unfamiliar concepts and terms you may have come across when looking at health insurance benefit summaries or speaking with healthcare professionals. Fortunately, when armed with a bit of knowledge and understanding, accessing care seems like less of a mountain and more of a molehill.
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  - Thursday, October 19, 12 pm. Register here.
- NPA Smart Skills: Public Speaking
  - Mizzou is an institutional member of the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) and Mizzou’s postdocs are entitled to free affiliate (individual-level) membership to NPA. Click here to obtain your free membership.
  - Tuesday, October 25, 2 pm. More details soon.
- Building Scientific Careers: A View from Europe
  - What are the career prospects for US-trained scientists in Europe? What are the future trends in recruitment? What are the future possibilities across the EU how might PhD students and post-docs secure them? Dr. Manolo Castellano is at the leading edge of new career trends by managing Talento Cientifico in his native Spain and in other EU countries. Previously a scientist and researcher in the US at Stanford and Rockefeller University, he currently helps other scientists to expand their professional horizons.
  - Note: This event is part of our efforts to provide global perspectives on the PhD market. Domestic and international students or post-doc are welcome.
  - Go to versatilephd for more information.
  - October 26, 10 am CT. Zoom link.
- NPA Mypostdoc Monthly: Immigration & Visas
  - The session will cover the types of visas used by postdoctoral researchers. Learn about self-sponsored applications, J-1 waivers and other visas, such as the F1 (OPT) and J-1 visas (including J1 waivers), and H-1B/O-1/TN. The webinar will also cover what to do after your postdoc, as you move through your career transitions. Brendan Delaney, Esq, will discuss the type of issues that the postdocs face in terms of visa transition and how you can build a CV/resume for purposes of a self-sponsored application in order to continue your career development and/or transition to an employment position. He will also review the recent guidance that was published relating to STEM, and how this affects certain visa applications. The webinar will leave you with some practical information and allow some time for general questions.
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  - Wednesday, November 2, 12 pm. Register here.
- Participants and mentors needed for grant writing training
  - ASCB’s (American Society for Cell Biology) Faculty Research and Education Development Mentoring Program (aka FRED) provides year-long individualized feedback on grant proposals for senior postdocs and junior faculty from backgrounds underrepresented in STEM or at minority-serving institutions. We seek participants and mentors for this highly successful program. Click here for more info. Apply by March 24, 2023.
The MU Graduate School offers in-person and online professional development workshops often in collaboration with campus partners. Postdocs are welcome to attend and take advantage of these resources.

Preventing Future Faculty Programs

- **Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship Program - Virginia Tech**
  - Fellowships will be awarded in four tracks (Research Frontiers, Cybersecurity, Innovation Science Policy) each welcoming diverse applicants from various fields.
  - Deadline: November 15, 2022

- **Future Faculty in the Physical Sciences (FFPS) Fellowship - Princeton University**
  - Deadline: November 15, 2022
  - Seeks a diverse cohort of early career scientists who will conduct research in physics, broadly defined to include the subdisciplines of astrophysics, biophysics, and geophysics and planetary physics, independently or in collaboration with Princeton faculty, postdoctoral researchers, and students.

Diverse Career Opportunities

- **Director, Writing Center – Lamar University, Beaumont, TX**
  - Master’s degree in English, Writing, Education, or a related field
  - 1-3 years of collegiate or writing center tutorial experience.

- **Data Curator – Remote (you can work anywhere in the USA or Europe)**
  - MD or PhD in Biology or related field; or Bachelor’s and Master’s degree with 3-5 years relevant experience.

NPA Career Center

- The National Postdoctoral Association Career Center allows employers to search for potential candidates and view their resumes while protecting the job seeker’s privacy. Your contact information will only be provided to those you allow – eliminating the chances of receiving unsolicited emails and phone calls.
- **NPA Job Seeker Log-in**

Please do not hesitate to email me or click here to schedule an appointment to discuss grant writing, career opportunities, or any other matters concerning you.

Thanks,

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