

Postdoc Opportunities - 3/22/2022

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Dear MU postdocs,

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

External Awards, Fellowships, & Prizes

- **Stanford School of Medicine's Propel Postdoctoral Scholars Program**
 - Description: Attracts candidates in biological, biomedical, and population-based scientists drawn to academic careers from populations historically underrepresented in biosciences.
 - Deadline: May 1
- 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.

Grant Writing Workshops

- **NSF & SACNAS Grant Writing and Peer Review Workshop**
 - NSF and SACNAS are hosting a workshop on Grant Writing and Peer Review for early career scientists! Participants of this workshop will learn to critique grant proposals as well as how to develop their own with the guidance of peers and advisors.
 - Postdocs who are interested in submitting a grant proposal to either the Biological Sciences (BIO) or Education and Human Resources (EHR) directorates at NSF. You can learn more about BIO directorates at NSF [here](#). You can learn more about EHR directorates at NSF [here](#). This inaugural program is open to all applicants, but west coast participants will be given priority
 - Application deadline: Friday, May 6, 2022, 11:59 pm PT. Apply [here](#).

Presentations/Workshops

- **Improving Student Feedback Response Rates and Quality**, Facilitated by Steve Klien
 - Tuesday, March 22, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- **NPA Webinar: How to find, utilize, and be a great mentor**
 - We all hear the buzzword of "mentoring" in relation to career success but most of us don't know how to get the most out of these relationships. This presentation will give practical advice about finding, utilizing, and being a mentor in a fun, interactive format.
 - 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, March 22, 2 pm.
- **Improving Student Feedback Response Rates and Quality**
 - Response rates on student feedback surveys are often lower than we'd like to see, and we often find ourselves questioning the utility of open-response student comments that are sparse, vague, or emphasizes factors unrelated to our teaching. This workshop focuses on how to best achieve our goals based on what we know from the available research on student feedback surveys in higher education. Facilitated by Stephen Klien and Lydia Bentley.
 - Date: Tuesday, March 22, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Register [here](#).

- **Audacious Womanhood: Helping Women Prepare for Leadership**
 - An event honoring Women's History Month
 - During this virtual speaking engagement, Mrs. Nikki Lanier, Esq., CEO (Harper Slade Racial Equity Firm) will deliver these impactful points. Mrs. Lanier is an experienced leader with over 25 years of career achievements that span Banking, Labor and Employment Law, Collective Bargaining, Human Resources, and State Government.
 - Clarity that begets conviction: Who we are as women, our lens, our sensibilities.
 - Equal doesn't mean same: Our Plight and Purpose is NOT to be "treated like" men.
 - Unique lens of women of color: A personal reflection on the cost of added layers of marginalization.
 - Shared sense of purpose: Women's role in shaping inclusive America we have yet to realize.
 - Thursday, March 24, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. More information & registration [here](#).
- **Putting Your Best Foot Forward – Career Conference: Framing Your Future**
 - Good interview skills are always vital. Interviewers want to know that you can do the work, but there are specific qualities interviewers look for to help them determine your ultimate suitability to fill a position. Discover how to identify best practices for the interview process and strategies for you to stand out every time.
 - Date: Tuesday, April 12, 10 – 11 am. Register [here](#).
- **What's Your Worth: Be Your Own Best Advocate – Career Conference: Framing Your Future**
 - Negotiating salary can be stressful and requires practice. Whether it's for a first job or future raise, negotiating increases your potential to earn more and determines future salaries. Learn smart strategies for a salary negotiation, and how to make a persuasive and successful request that works for both you and your employer.
 - Date: Tuesday, April 12, 1 – 2 pm. Register [here](#).
- **You're Hired: Careers In Academia, Non-Profit & Science Communication – Career Conference: Framing Your Future**
 - You did the work and got the degree, so what's next? Jon Stemmler will mediate a discussion between Jaapna Dhillon, Jackie Glascock, and Josh Mueller about their career paths and how to achieve yours.
 - Date: Thursday, April 14, 1 – 2 pm. Register [here](#).
- **Interpreting Student Feedback Data to Improve Teaching**
 - Instructors in higher education can use the wealth of data collected by student feedback instruments to identify both notable details and instructive patterns in the data that we might otherwise overlook. This workshop will explore how we can use these details and patterns to construct a more meaningful story of the teaching and learning experience.
 - Date: Tuesday, April 19, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Register [here](#).
- **NPA Course: NPA SmartSkills**
 - SmartSkills is a free, virtual course for postdocs. Monthly classes are taught by experts and focus on building skills critical to career and personal success. Postdocs can earn a certificate from the NPA by attending 10 out of the 12 skills classes.
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 - Takes place the fourth Tuesday of each month, at 2 pm.

Job Opportunity at Mizzou

- **Technology Advancement Officer (TAO)**
 - The minimum qualification is a bachelor's degree with 4 years of experience. However, postdocs are welcome to apply according to the hiring unit. Brian Buntaine (buntaineb@missouri.edu), Senior

Technology Transfer Manager) who will be supervising this position is happy to answer any questions you may have about this job opportunity.

Diverse Career Opportunities

- [Director of Evaluation and Assessment, CMS](#), Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in North Chicago, IL
 - Advanced degree in education, psychology, or a field relevant to medical education
- [Assistant Director of Innovation and Research](#), University of Michigan in Ann Arbor
 - Ph.D. in language testing, or a closely related field
- [Director for Research and Instruction](#), University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
 - Master's degree in Library or Information Science

Tax Assistance Programs

- US Tax Residents
 - [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(VITA\)](#) by the Family Impact Center of MU Extension Starting Jan. 31, on Mondays on a walk-in basis from 9 am -12 pm and 3 pm - 5:30 pm (no services on March 14)
 - [Free Income Tax Help 2022 at the Columbia Public Library](#). Take appointments starting January 17, and the program will run Feb. 1 – April 15th.
- Nonresident taxpayers
 - The University of Missouri - Columbia campus provides discounted access to [Sprintax](#). The cost of preparing the federal return is covered by the University when a code is used. The code is 21UOMC750F. However, [Sprintax](#) will charge you directly for state tax returns. Their software will guide you through the tax return process and provide instructions on how to submit the forms, both federal and state, and what to do if you owe additional tax or expect a tax refund.
 - Nonresidents on F, J, M, and Q visas are also required to file [form 8843](#), even if no income was earned during the year. (If you had no income and only need to file [form 8843](#), you may use [Sprintax](#), or file the form yourself by downloading it and mailing it on your own.)
 - If you are unsure of your tax status for 2021, you may send an inquiry to umsharedservicesu1@umsystem.edu or you may begin the tax filing process with [Sprintax](#) as detailed above. The first couple of screens in their software will determine your tax residency for 2021 at no cost to you.

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.

Best,
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