

Postdoc Opportunities - 4/12/2022

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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](#)

- Interdisciplinary Plant Group (IPG) Travel Award for Scientific Conferences for postdocs in IPG associated labs
 - Click [here](#) for more information and application.
- [NOMIS & Science Young Explorer Award](#)
 - Recognize bold young researchers who ask fundamental questions at the intersection of the life and social sciences; scientists who have performed interdisciplinary work with an enthusiasm that has catalyzed cross-field collaboration; researchers who take risks to address relevant and exciting questions with creative approaches, regardless of the research outcome.
 - Entrants must be thirty-five (35) years of age or younger and must hold an M.D., Ph.D., or M.D./Ph.D. at the time of entry.
 - Deadline: May 15, 2022. Click [here](#) for more information and application.
- The R&D Postdoctoral Challenge by AstraZeneca
 - Participating in the R&D Postdoctoral Challenge has the potential to springboard careers whilst making a meaningful difference to patients and science.
 - Shortlisted applicants will have the opportunity to pitch their research proposals to a world-leading judging panel with the potential to be awarded a fully funded postdoctoral position at AstraZeneca.
 - Deadline: May 26, 2022. More information [here](#) and submit a proposal [here](#).
- 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](#)

- 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.
 - 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.
 - Tuesday, April 12, 1-2 pm. Register [here](#).
- [Recognizing and combating science denial in the age of misinformation – Biological Science Webinar by Dr. Emily Walter, California State University – Fresno](#)
 - Thursday, April 14, at 9 am. email ballewar@missouri.edu for the link.
- You're Hired: Careers In Academia, Non-Pro t & 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.
- Thursday, April 14, 1-2 pm. Register [here](#).
- Mastering Academic Time Management
 - If you are an aspiring professor, this is for you!
 - Are struggling with research & writing, feeling limited mentoring & community, and/or difficulty balancing work & family? This webinar is specifically designed to address these issues and provide participants with concrete skills.
 - Thursday, April 14, 1-2:30 pm. Register [here](#). 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 with your Mizzou email.
- Introduction to Resilience and Wellness
 - A part of the Becoming a resilient scientist series Co-Hosted by the NIH and NPA
 - We all experience setback and disappointments in science, work, and life. In this webinar we will look at seven key elements of resilience with a focus on building habits that promote healthier responses and resilient behaviors in the face of set-back in educational and work environments.
 - Group discussion: Thursday, April 14, 1-2 pm. Register [here](#).
- Lost in Translation: How Culture and Language May Affect Instructor Interactions
 - Facilitated by Johanna Milord
 - Tuesday, April 19, 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Register [here](#).
- Avoiding a Big Yikes: Export Controls and the Impact on Academia
 - The Graduate School is offering a special session created for students and postdocs involved directly in research, those who present research at conferences, and/or those who plan to do so in the future. The goal is for participants to understand MU efforts and resources regarding export controls, international engagement, and research security.
 - Presented by Jackie Carney, Compliance Manager, Office of Research.
 - Tuesday, April 19, 12-1 pm. Register [here](#).
- How to Translate Your Research for a General Audience
 - This session will be focused on translating your research for a general audience online. The webinar will include practical tips and insights from working in educational digital media. Topics covered will include: 1) Using online platforms and social media to spread the word about your work, 2) Creating videos, op-eds, articles, podcasts, etc. that entertain while educating, and 3) How to effectively write for a wide range of non-specialist viewers outside your area of expertise.
 - Tuesday, April 19, 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.
 - Tuesday, April 19, 3:30-4:30 pm. Register [here](#).
- Exploring our Self-Talk: Cognitive Distortions and Imposter Fears
 - A part of the Becoming a resilient scientist series Co-Hosted by the NIH and NPA
 - We tell ourselves stories about what is happening to us and around us. In this webinar we will explore how our self-talk is generated and look at ways our self-talk can either help us be more resilient or how it can hurt us and hold us back. We will look at two important elements of our self-talk, cognitive distortions and imposter fears and explore ways to recognize internal messages and input from others that distort our views of our abilities and accomplishments.
 - Webinar: Thursday, April 21, 12-2 pm. Register [here](#).

- Group discussion: Thursday, April 28, 1-2 pm. Register [here](#).
- Self-Advocacy and Assertiveness for Scientists

A part of the Becoming a resilient scientist series Co-Hosted by the NIH and NPA

 - We all need to develop the skills needed to be assertive and to advocate for ourselves, especially in hierarchical environments where we sometimes feel we do not have a voice. In this webinar, we will discuss how to set boundaries, communicate expectations, ask for feedback, and discuss difficult issues with friends, mentors, colleagues, and supervisors.
 - Webinar: Thursday, May 5, 12-2 pm. Register [here](#).
 - Group discussion: Thursday, May 12, 1-2 pm. Register [here](#).
- Developing Feedback Resilience

A part of the Becoming a resilient scientist series Co-Hosted by the NIH and NPA

 - We all need feedback to grow and learn but we often become defensive and are unable to learn from the feedback we receive, even if it is delivered well. In this webinar, we will talk about why receiving feedback is so difficult and explore ways to stay calm and engaged when receiving feedback. We will also talk about giving feedback in a calm and assertive way so that our voice can be heard.
 - Webinar: Thursday, May 19, 12-2 pm. Register [here](#).
 - Group discussion: Thursday, May 26, 1-2 pm. Register [here](#).
- Managing Up to Maximize Mentoring Relationships

A part of the Becoming a resilient scientist series Co-Hosted by the NIH and NPA

 - We all need mentors to support and encourage us throughout our educational and career journey. In this webinar, we will talk about the mentoring relationship in research environments with a focus on improving your relationship with your PI, finding mentors and on improving communication and interpersonal interactions. The webinar will help clarify what you need from your supervisors and mentors and address how to get what you need from these important interactions.
 - Webinar: Thursday, June 2, 12-2 pm. Register [here](#).
 - Group discussion: Thursday, June 9, 1-2 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.
 - 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.
 - Takes place the fourth Tuesday of each month, at 2 pm.

[Diverse Career Opportunities](#)

- [Program Analyst - US Census Bureau](#)
 - Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral degree or 3 full years of progressively higher-level graduate education leading to such a degree that provided you with knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the work of a Program Analyst.
- [Director Engineering and Associate Director Engineering - Posted by VOLO; a global executive recruitment firm](#)
 - At a minimum, candidates must have a technical Masters' degree (e.g., organic chemistry, chemical engineering, electrical engineering, nuclear engineering, and mechanical engineering).

[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.

Free Immigration Consultations

- Attorney Bill Schiller from [Hughes Socol Piers Resnick and Dym, Ltd.](#) is available to the Mizzou international community for free immigration consultations. Consultations on visas or permanent residence are available 1–4 p.m. on Wednesdays through May 18. Email wschiller@hsplegal.com to schedule a virtual appointment.
- Announcement sponsored by MU International Student and Scholar Services

Tiger Pantry - International Food Donations

- The International Programs is collaborating with Tiger Pantry to host a food drive. Though it is primarily focused on international food donations, the pantry will happily accept all donations. Most needed items include soy sauce, sriracha, rice vinegar, garam masala, turmeric powder, curry paste, furikake rice seasoning, enchilada sauce, salsa, corn and flour tortillas, taco shells, golden curry mix, chili paste. Until Friday 04/15 there will be 2 collections bins—one inside the International Center & the other in Hawthorne Lounge.

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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