

## Postdoc Opportunities - 4/19/2022

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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.
- Fellowship in University Innovation and Design at Arizona State University
  - The aim of the fellowship in University Innovation and Design is two-fold: 1) to support an emerging design-based approach to building and transforming post-secondary education around the world, and 2) to nurture aspiring and emerging transformation-minded higher education leaders and policy-makers through experiential engagements which strengthen skills in research/analysis, communication, project management, and collaborative ideation and design. Appointed UDI Fellows complete a 13-month placement (August 8, 2022 – September 3, 2023). The fellowship is full-time (40 hours per week) with a salary range of \$55,000-\$75,000, based on experience. Additional benefits include health insurance, vacation, and sick leave, paid holidays, and reduced tuition.
  - Deadline: May 13, 2022. 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 31, 2022. Click [here](#) for more information & application.
- Caspar Wistar Fellows Program
  - The Caspar Wistar Fellows Program is recruiting an exceptional, early-career, independent investigator who will be poised to join the next generation of scientific leaders. This program is designed to provide exceptional autonomy and resources to recent Ph.D. or M.D. graduates with outstanding research records, who are prepared to take an accelerated path toward independence as a principal investigator.
  - Deadline: May 15, 2022. Click [here](#) for more information and application.
- 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**

- **Lost in Translation: How Culture and Language May Affect Instructor Interactions**  
Facilitated by Johanna Milord
  - Offered by Teaching for Learning Center
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - Tuesday, April 19, 1-2 pm. Register [here](#).
- **Interpreting Student Feedback Data to Improve Teaching**
  - Offered by Teaching for Learning Center
  - 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](#).
- **How to take control of your early career**
  - By Gorick Ng
  - Gorick Ng is the Wall Street Journal bestselling author of *The Unspoken Rule: Secrets to Starting Your Career Off Right*, a book published by Harvard Business Review Press. It is a guide to help professionals, especially those from underreported backgrounds, take control of their careers...
  - Wednesday, April 20, 6 pm. Missouri Theatre; no registration necessary.
- **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 distorts 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](#).
- NPA SmartSkills: How to be Your Own Advocate in Your Career and in Life
  - Self-advocacy goes beyond speaking up for ourselves. It is an important life skill that can help us navigate our career and life journey with confidence. Through story telling and practical advice, attendees will learn to get comfortable with the idea of advocating for themselves.
  - Speaker: Roshni Rao, Ph.D., director, PHutures, Johns Hopkins University
  - 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, April 26, 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](#).
- Core Curriculum Webinar: Every Summer Needs a Plan
  - 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.
  - 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](#).
- NPA SmartSkills: Finding Funding, and Writing a Successful Grant
  - This will be a question and answer based discussion centered around strategies for finding funding opportunities, and for how to write an effective grant to a federal agency. Be ready with questions.
  - Speaker: Daniel R. Marenda, Ph.D., program director, National Science Foundation
  - 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, May 24, 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](#).

### **Diverse Career Opportunities**

- [Director of Student Support Services](#) - Montana State University-Northern
  - Required qualification: Master's Degree in Education, Administration or related field and experience working with low-income/first generation students and students with disabilities.
- [Director of the General Biology Program](#) - Appalachian State University
  - Masters or Ph.D. in Biology or a closely-related field with evidence of teaching at the college level.

### **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](mailto:wschiller@hsplegal.com) to schedule a virtual appointment.
- Announcement sponsored by MU International Student and Scholar Services

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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