

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR POSTDOCS - JANUARY 30, 2024

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### From the Office of Postdoctoral Education

- [MU Postdoctoral Awards for Teaching and Research](#)
  - Nominees for these awards must currently be postdoctoral fellows at the University of Missouri, Columbia campus and have held the position as a postdoc for at least one semester prior to the nomination. Self-nominations are encouraged. Postdoctoral award winners will be recognized at the Awards Banquet hosted by the Graduate School in April. The awards will consist of an honorarium of \$500 to \$1,000 (depending on the number of awardees). The awards will be administered by the MU Postdoctoral Association (MUPA) with support from the Office of Postdoctoral Education. Funding for the award is provided by the Graduate School. Nominations are due February 15 by 5:00 PM. Click [here](#) for more information.
- [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 Friday, March 1 by 5:00 PM. For more details and application materials, click [here](#).
- [MUPA Travel Grant](#)
  - [MU Postdoctoral Association \(MUPA\)](#) is accepting applications for the spring travel grants.
  - MUPA Travel Grant helps support postdoc attendance at conferences during their time at MU. Postdocs may receive up to \$350 towards costs, limited to registration fees, lodging, poster printing, and childcare (please see note below), for any Meeting/Conference and/or training program taking place within the specified funding period to be considered for that funding round.
  - Click [here](#) for application instructions and application form.
  - Deadline: March 1, 2024

### External Awards, Fellowships, & Prizes

- [USAID Science for Development Fellowships](#)
  - Eligibility: Hold a qualifying degree: doctoral-level scientists and engineers with a master's degree are encouraged to apply from across STEM disciplines, including life sciences, physical and earth sciences, social sciences, mathematics, engineering, public health, and medicine; Be a U.S. Citizen; Able to obtain a security clearance
  - Deadline: Feb 29, 2024
- [NOSTER & Science Microbiome Prize](#)
  - Deadline: Feb 14, 2024
- [Newton International Fellowships](#)
  - Eligibility: Have no more than seven years of active full time postdoctoral experience at the time of application (discounting career breaks, but including teaching experience and/or time spent in industry on research), be working outside the UK, not hold UK citizenship, and be competent in oral and written English

- Deadline: Mar 13, 2024

## Presentations/Workshops

- [myPDO Monthly: Maintaining Benefits for Postdocs on Independent Fellowships](#) – By National Postdoctoral Association
  - This webinar will discuss current strategies for equitable benefit plans for postdocs regardless of funding source. Panelists will discuss what their campus does, background history about how policies were implemented, and what, if anything, will change given recent announcements from the National Institutes of Health. Notably, we will discuss the impact of the NIH notice in April 2023 stating that NRSA trainees and fellows should be provided with benefits consistent with what the institution provides others at similar career stages (full notice [here](#)), and December 2023 recommendations from NIH Advisory to the Committee to the Director on Re-envisioning NIH-Supported Postdoctoral Training (full report [here](#)). The session will conclude with Q&A from the audience.
  - Speakers
    - Kathleen Flint Ehm, Ph.D., assistant dean for professional development and postdoctoral affairs, Graduate School, Stony Brook University
    - Paolo Mangahas, Ph.D., MBA, director, Research Education & Training, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
  - 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.
  - 12 pm; Wed, Feb 7, 2024
- AI Lunch and Learning Labs – by [MU Teaching for Learning Center](#)
  - No prior AI experience needed!
  - We'll provide lunch; you bring your laptop and your questions related to teaching and learning with AI, or even more broadly, getting familiar with Generative AI tools in general. This is a hands-on sandbox opportunity with light facilitation and consultation provided by Flower Darby. Come with tools and GenAI-related ideas in mind and get ready to play!
  - Seating is limited to 20 participants - register now!
    - [February 09, 2024, 12:00pm-1:00pm - Register here.](#)
    - [February 13, 2024, 12:00pm-1:00pm - Register here.](#)
    - [February 21, 2024, 12:00pm-1:00pm - Register here.](#)
- [Peer Reviewing as "Reflexive Mentorship"](#) - by the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity
  - In this webinar, you will learn about the importance of peer reviewing for dismantling the Western canon and democratizing knowledge, as well as strategies you can use to engage in more inclusive peer reviewing practices.
  - Facilitator: Rebecca de Souza, PhD
  - 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.
  - 1 - 2:30 pm; Tue, Feb 20, 2024

## Conferences/Recruitment Events

- [UCLA Bio-Launch](#)
  - UCLA's Bioscience Postdoc Affairs are hosting UCLA Bio-Launch, a virtual postdoctoral recruitment initiative. Selected candidates will be invited to participate in a 2-day virtual information and professional development event (March 14-15, 2024).
  - After participating in this program, if you come to UCLA for your postdoc you'll have priority in joining our [Bioscientists of Tomorrow \(BoT\) Postdoc Cohort program](#) that provides professional development and networking for the first 4 years of your postdoc.
  - Deadline: Feb 11, 2024

## Featured Article

- [Your 2024 Guide to the Most Common Interview Questions and Answers](#) – The Muse

### Resources

- IGNITE (Inspiring Game-changers and Navigating Impassioned Trainees towards Excellence)
  - IGNITE is a training navigation resource offered by The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center to graduate students, medical students, postdocs, residents/fellows, and early-stage investigators exploring funding opportunities offered by the [Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities](#) and the [Cancer Training Branch](#) of the [National Cancer Institute](#).
  - IGNITE offers live (virtual) and on-demand educational materials and resources including Technical Assistance (For education and training grants; Funding opportunities for health disparities research), Grant Navigation Resources (Funding opportunities offered by the National Cancer Institute; Identifying the appropriate NCI contacts; Application guides and checklists), and Professional Development (Grant writing resources; Cancer prevention and health disparities education)
  - To register for access, please visit the [IGNITE homepage](#).
  - IGNITE is open to all individuals with an interest in education and training mechanisms offered by the National Cancer Institute. **Participants need not be affiliated with MD Anderson to access and utilize these resources.**

### Strategic Postdoctoral Programs

- [Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Research Administration and Student Mentorship](#)
- Postdoc in career development in biomedical undergraduate students - Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
  - Preferred Qualifications:
    - Ph.D. in biology, biology education research, or related field, including Ph.Ds in STEM education or Higher Ed or a social science background.
    - Experience with relevant literature and education research methods
    - Expertise in qualitative research approaches such as conducting interviews with students using think-aloud protocols
    - Experience with or an understanding of career development in the biomedical sciences
    - Ability and desire to work collaboratively, mentor graduate and undergraduate students, and to also work independently
    - Project leadership, time management, communication, and writing skills
  - Email Dr. Melissa McCartney at [mrm10@buffalo.edu](mailto:mrm10@buffalo.edu) the following before Feb 15, 2024
    - Cover letter highlighting qualifications related to the proposed research and an explanation of how the applicant meets the preferred qualifications of the position. Please specifically dedicate 1-2 paragraphs describing your experience (or if you haven't had this experience, your possible approaches to) creating an interview environment where students with marginalized identities feel comfortable sharing both positive and negative experiences.
    - Curriculum vitae
    - A one-page summary of educational research interests, experience, and future goals
    - A one-page statement of your experience and/or practice with diversity and equity
    - The names and contact information of three references; please be certain that references have agreed to speak to the qualifications sought in this position and have agreed to be contacted

### Diverse Career Opportunities

- [Research Grants Manager](#) – Champalimaud Foundation, Lizboa, Portugal
- [NAGPRA Program Director](#) – Southern Illinois University Carbondale in Carbondale, IL
- [Assistant Dir Academic Affairs](#) – Temple University, PA
- [Associate Director for Career Development](#) – University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI

### JC Penny Suit Up Event

- JCPenney Suit Up event is happening on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. The event will run from 4 – 7 pm at the JC Penny location at 2301 W Worley St. in Columbia. Discounted professional clothing & accessories up to 50% off. Mizzou ID is required to qualify for the event.

**LinkedIn Group: [MU Office of Postdoctoral Education](#)**

- Join the [MU postdoc LinkedIn group](#) to view and share professional and career development opportunities. Many opportunities are shared daily.

**Postdoc Consultations**

- Click [here](#) to schedule an appointment with Valli Sarveswaran (Director of Postdoctoral Education) to discuss your career & professional development needs, or to discuss any other matters concerning you.

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