

BSD Postdoctoral Association Bulletin–October 9, 2006

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1- Postdoc Rights & Benefits Information

The BSD Postdoctoral Association has produced two documents about Postdoc rights & benefits. These documents have been reviewed and approved by the Office of Academic Affairs and the BSD Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs:

(1) Postdoc rights & benefits summary chart

<http://www.uchicago.edu/bsdpostdoc/being-rightsbenefits.shtml>

(2) Guidelines for Postdoctoral Fellows

<http://www.uchicago.edu/bsdpostdoc/being-fellows.shtml>

A presentation about "Postdocs, their rights & benefits" will be held at 4 pm, October 20, Biological Sciences Learning Center 205. Pat Shymanski, Director, Office of Academic Affairs will be present to answer questions.

The University of Chicago is currently revising postdoc policy and plans to publish a new handbook for postdocs by the end of 2006. The Association will provide updates of these policy changes as they become available.

We welcome any comments and questions about this information, Imogen Hurley (ihurley@uchicago.edu)

Postdoctoral Scholar,

President, BSD Postdoctoral Association

2- Upcoming Events/Seminars (sponsored by BSD Postdoc Association):

October 13 , 4pm BSLC 205

How University Discoveries are Successfully Commercialized

Ben Dibling, Project Manager. UCTECH - Office of Technology & Intellectual Property

October 20, 4pm BSLC 205

Postdocs, their rights & benefits

Pat Shymanski, Director, Office of Academic Affairs

Imogen Hurley, President, BSD Postdoc Association

October 27 , 4pm BSLC 201

Halloween Social

Come join your fellow postdocs for food and drink

3- PLUG THE POWER OF SCIENCE INTO PUBLIC POLICY

Become a AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow.

There's no better way to serve society with your scientific expertise! For more than 30 years, the AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships have provided scientists and engineers with a unique public policy learning experience and an opportunity to apply their knowledge and analytical skills to national and international issues in the policy realm. Career-advancing opportunities are available with Congress and nearly a dozen federal agencies. The six fellowship areas are:

- Congressional
- Diplomacy

- Energy, Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Global Stewardship
- Health, Education & Human Services
- National Defense & Global Security

Eligibility & Criteria

AAAS seeks candidates from a broad array of backgrounds and a diversity of geographic, disciplinary, gender, and ethnic perspectives. Fellows come from a range of sectors, including academia, industry and non-profits, representing a spectrum of career stages, from recent PhD graduates to faculty on sabbatical to retired scientists and engineers. Fellows also have ranged in age from late twenties to early seventies.

Regardless of background, career stage or age, successful applicants must:

- Hold a doctoral-level degree (PhD, MD, DVM, DSc, PharmD, and other terminal degrees), in any physical, biological, medical, or social science, any field of engineering, or any relevant interdisciplinary field. Applicants with a master's degree in engineering and at least three years of post-degree professional experience also qualify. NOTE: All requirements for the terminal degree must be completed by the application deadline;
- Have solid scientific and technical credentials and the endorsement of three references;
- Hold U.S. citizenship;
- Show a commitment to applying their scientific or technical expertise to serve society;
- Be good communicators, both verbally and in writing, to decision-makers and nonscientific audiences; and
- Demonstrate integrity and good judgment and display leadership qualities.

NOTE: Some program areas and agencies seek additional qualifications. See the website for details.

Placements

Placements are available in Congressional offices and more than ten federal agencies. The fellowships are year-long opportunities, beginning 1 September and ending 31 August. Extension or renewal of fellowships is sometimes possible, depending upon the program, approval of the host office, and availability of funding.

Support

Annual stipends will begin at approximately \$65,000 for the 2007-2008 fellowship year. Fellows also receive a relocation allowance (for some agencies), health insurance reimbursement, a travel allowance, support for placement, an eight-day intensive orientation, and a year-long program of professional development activities that include monthly seminars, training workshops, networking gatherings, and a year-end retreat.

Apply

AAAS accepts only online applications. Please visit the AAAS Fellowships website for full details on criteria, guidelines, program areas, application instructions, and to access the online application. The application period for 2007-2008 Fellowships will begin in August 2006, and the deadline is 20 December 2006. <http://fellowships.aaas.org>.

4- Opportunities with the D. E. Shaw Group

The D. E. Shaw group invites all interested U Chicago students to apply for positions with the firm. We currently have openings in our investment management and technology development businesses, including roles in trading, business development, quantitative analysis, software development, information technology, computer architecture, computational chemistry, accounting, and finance.

Please log on to UchicagoTrak (<http://caps.uchicago.edu/uchicagotrak/>) to apply for the Generalist Associate, Securities Trader, Quantitative Analyst, Software Developer, Systems Administrator, Junior Networking Engineer, and Finance and Operations

Generalist positions. You may also apply at any time by sending a resume and cover letter to jobs@deshaw.com.

We will also have a table at the General Fall Fair on Thursday, October 5th in Ida Noyes Hall. D. E. Shaw group employees (including U Chicago alumni) will be in attendance to answer your questions and provide more information on D. E. Shaw. Even if you've never considered a career in finance, we hope that you will stop by to chat with us. Headquartered in New York, the D. E. Shaw group is a specialized investment and technology development firm with approximately US \$23 billion in aggregate capital. Since its organization in 1988 by a former Columbia university computer science professor, the firm has earned an international reputation for financial innovation, technological leadership, and the exceptional caliber of its staff. While we would certainly welcome applications from individuals with a background or interest in mathematics, computer science, or economics, we are equally interested in speaking with brilliant liberal arts graduates, regardless of major, who are open to the possibility of a career they may never have previously considered. We neither require nor expect any previous financial experience. Current employees include a recent U.S. Women's Chess Champion, a Jeopardy! winner, a former World Foosball Champion, a Bridge Life Master, a member of the famed MIT Blackjack team and winners of more than 25 International Math Olympiad medals. More than 15% of current staff are published authors in genres ranging from academic papers to memoirs and mystery novels. Our working environment is intense but surprisingly casual. We provide unusual opportunities for growth. And we compensate extraordinary people extraordinarily well. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Strategic Growth

The D. E. Shaw group

5- Women For Hire Career Expo - Oct 10

We're coming to Chicago on October 10th for our Women For Hire Career Expo...And aside from asking you to get the word out to Women in Science, I wanted to extend five free invites to our Early Morning Seminar. CEO and Good Morning America workplace contributor Tory Johnson will be speaking--providing job seekers with valuable advice on interviewing, finding the right place to work, and excelling in their careers. The seminar takes place before the event from 8:30 to 10 am at the Lakeview Navy Terrace Pier. It also grants them early entrance to the fair, so they won't have to wait in line (and can get back to classes!) Let me know if you want me to save some room for U Chicago students.

Women For Hire Career Expo – Chicago

October 10, 2006 10a.m. to 2p.m.

Lakeview Terrace Navy Pier, 600 East Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

****NOTE:** The career expo (takes place from 10am – 2pm) is free and students can register at the door, all that's required for that is business attire and resumes.

6- 2006 Career Exploration Workshops

Organized by Career Advising and Planning Services

Deciding on Law School

Date: 10/23/2006

Time: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Location: Ida Noyes Hall, West Lounge

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Careers in Market Research/Marketing/PR/Advertising

Date: 10/24/2006

Time: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Location: Ida Noyes Hall, East Lounge

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