

BSD Postdoc Association Weekly Bulletin

November 5th, 2008

SUMMARY:

- 1. NO BSD Postdoc Association Seminar this Friday**
- 2. Benefits Enrollment- All Postdocs Please Read!**
- 3. 2009 University of Chicago Benefits Open Enrollment- Postdoc Scholars Please Read!**
- 4. The Association for Women in Science Chicago Area Chapter (AWIS-CAC) Contract Negotiation Workshop**
- 5. The Scientist Best Places to Work as a Postdoc Survey**
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- 1. Notice: There will be **NO** BSD Postdoc Association Seminar this Friday due to the Molecular Biosciences Retreat.**

- 2. Benefits Enrollment- All Postdocs Please Read!**

ATTENTION ALL POSTDOCS:

University of Chicago Postdoctoral Insurance Plan (through Garnett Powers) Open Enrollment is fast approaching. The Open Enrollment period will begin on **November 3rd and run through November 18th**. During that time, you may make changes to your current enrollment that would be effective as of January 1st, 2009.

Your current benefit elections will continue into 2009 if you do not make any changes during the upcoming enrollment period.

Changes you may make during this time are:

1. Enroll eligible dependents whom are not presently enrolled in your plan
2. Enroll yourself in plans you previously waived
3. Switch from Dental High Option to Dental Low Option and vice versa
4. Waive coverage you do not require

Plan designs have remained the same for 2009. New rates for 2009 will be available to view on November 2, 2008 at the following website:

<http://www.garnett-powers.com/uchicago/rates09.pdf>.

To make any changes to your current enrollment status, visit:

www.garnett-powers.com/uchicago/open.htm

3. 2009 University of Chicago Benefits Open Enrollment- Postdoc Scholars Please Read!

ATTENTION POSTDOC SCHOLARS:

Benefits Open Enrollment for 2009 started November 3 and runs through Tuesday, November 18, at 7:00pm. To get a preview of the University's 2009 benefits program, go to <http://hr.uchicago.edu/benefits/>.

You should have received your enrollment packet by mail at your home address. The packet includes your personalized enrollment worksheet, Highlights of Your 2009 Benefits, enrollment instructions and information on Medicare Part D.

To enroll, you will need your CNetID and PIN (your PIN will be printed on your enrollment worksheet that is being mailed to your home). If you do not have a CNetID, go to <https://cnet.uchicago.edu/claimacct/index.jsp> to create your ID. The system will ask for some personal information to make sure you have been identified correctly, and it will then let you choose your CNetID and password. If you have trouble creating your CNetID, call the NSIT support desk at 773-834-TECH.

Benefits & Health Fair

The annual Benefits & Health Fair will be **Thursday, November 6**, from 9:00am to 4:00pm in Ida Noyes Hall at 1212 E. 59th Street (corner of 59th and Woodlawn).

The fair will include benefit providers (e.g., BCBS, UCHP, MetLife, TIAA-CREF and Vanguard), flu shots (from 10:00am to 4:00pm), blood pressure screenings and other informational booths. For additional information about the fair go to <http://hr.uchicago.edu/healthfair08/>.

* The fair will also include a Blood Drive conducted by LifeSource. To register for the Blood Drive please go to https://training.uchicago.edu/course_detail.cfm?course_id=515.

Please contact the Benefits Office at benefits@uchicago.edu if you have any questions.

4. The Association for Women in Science Chicago Area Chapter (AWIS-CAC) Contract Negotiation Workshop.

A multi-part workshop focused on contract negotiation.

The first workshop is open to men and women and will cover the legal aspects of negotiating a contract. This event is designed for scientists at the graduate level, post-doctoral level and beyond.

Effective Negotiation of Employment Contracts (Part I) will take place on **November 11th from 7-9pm in Baldwin Auditorium (Northwestern University Chicago Campus)**. Our featured speakers are Kristi Nelson, J.D. and Noelle Brennan, J.D.

Cost is \$10 for AWIS members, \$20 for non-members. Dinner will be provided.

Register at <http://www.awis-chicago.org> by November 10th under upcoming events.

5. The Scientist Best Places to Work as a Postdoc Survey.

Are you a Postdoc? It's your chance to be heard.

The Scientist has just opened the **2009 survey for Best Places to Work Postdocs**. If you are in a non-tenured or non-permanent postdoctoral position in an academic, research or government institution, The Scientist wants your opinion.

Some postdocs find their positions rewarding; others do not. Where do you fall in the spectrum? Empowered or powerless? Well compensated or impoverished? With a helpful or difficult PI?

Help us help you and countless others by giving us your take on everything from training quality to compensation and social life. Make a difference and be heard!

Take the survey now at <http://www.bptw.org>.

The results of our 7th annual Best Places to Work in Postdocs survey will be published in The Scientist's March 2009 issue.

6. NIH Funding Opportunitites

Notices

* Request for Information (RFI) on Target Nominations for Monoclonal Antibodies Useful for Basic and Clinical Research of Rare Diseases (NOT-OD-09-011)
Office of the Director, NIH
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-011.html>

* Announcing 2009 NIH Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants Administration (NOT-OD-09-012)
National Institutes of Health

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-012.html>

* Revised New and Early Stage Investigator Policies (NOT-OD-09-013)
National Institutes of Health

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-013.html>

* Amendment: PAR-08-206 Investigations on Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases (R01) (NOT-AI-09-008)
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AI-09-008.html>

* Notice Regarding the Availability of Administrative Supplements to Support U.S. Netherlands Binational Collaborative Research on Drug Abuse (NOT-DA-09-001)

National Institute on Drug Abuse

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-DA-09-001.html>

* NIDA Center for Genetic Studies (NOT-DA-09-021)

National Institute on Drug Abuse

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-DA-09-021.html>

* Online Technical Assistance Meeting for Applications to RFA-HL-08-013; Translating Basic Behavioral and Social Science Discoveries into Interventions to Reduce Obesity:Centers for Behavioral Intervention Development (U01) (NOT-HL-09-109)
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-HL-09-109.html>

* CDC/NIOSH Set Transition from PureEdge to Adobe Application Forms for December 2008 and Plan Subsequent Transition of PAR-08-070 to Electronic Submission (NOT-OH-09-001)
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OH-09-001.html>

* Request for Information (RFI): Soliciting Input on Current Needs in the NIH Roadmap Molecular Libraries and Imaging Initiative (NOT-RM-09-002)
NIH Roadmap Initiatives

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-RM-09-002.html>

Requests for Applications

* The FaceBase Consortium: Functional Genomics of Craniofacial Development and Disease (U01) (RFA-DE-09-003)
National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
Application Receipt Date(s): January 30, 2009

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DE-09-003.html>

* Intestinal Stem Cell Consortium (U01)(RFA-DK-08-010)
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Application Receipt Date(s): March 18, 2009

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-08-010.html>

* Microbiome of the Lung and Respiratory Tract in HIV-Infected Individuals and HIV-Uninfected Controls (U01)(RFA-HL-09-006)
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Application Receipt Date(s): March 25, 2009

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-09-006.html>

* Cardiac Translational Research Implementation Program (C-TRIP) (P20) (RFA-HL-10-001)
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Application Receipt Date(s): May 28, 2009

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HL-10-001.html>

* Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (BRAINS) (R01) (RFA-MH-09-100)
National Institute of Mental Health
Application Receipt Date(s): February 03, 2009

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-09-100.html>

* 2009 NIH Directors Pioneer Award Program (DP1) (RFA-RM-09-001) NIH Roadmap Initiatives
Application Receipt Date(s): May 15, 2009

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-09-001.html>

* 2009 NIH Directors New Innovator Award Program (DP2) (RFA-RM-09-003)

NIH Roadmap Initiatives
Application Receipt Date(s): May 27, 2009

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-09-003.html>

* Research on Integrity in Collaborative Research (R21) (RFA-RR-09-004)
National Center for Research Resources
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
Office of Research Integrity

Application Receipt Date(s): March 17, 2009

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RR-09-004.html>

Program Announcements

* Medical Management of Older Patients with HIV/AIDS (R01)
(PA-09-017)

National Institute on Aging

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

National Institute of Mental Health

National Institute of Nursing Research

Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Multiple dates,
see announcement.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-017.html>

* Medical Management of Older Patients with HIV/AIDS (R03)
(PA-09-018)

National Institute on Aging

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

National Institute of Mental Health

Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Multiple dates,
see announcement.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-018.html>

* Medical Management of Older Patients with HIV/AIDS (R21)
(PA-09-019)

National Institute on Aging

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

National Institute of Mental Health

Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Multiple dates,
see announcement.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-019.html>

* International Research Collaboration on Drug Abuse and
Addiction Research (R01) (PA-09-020)

National Institute on Drug Abuse

Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Multiple dates,
see announcement.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-020.html>

* International Research Collaboration on Drug Abuse and
Addiction Research (R21) (PA-09-021)

National Institute on Drug Abuse

Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Multiple dates,
see announcement.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-021.html>

* International Research Collaboration on Drug Abuse and
Addiction Research (R03) (PA-09-022)

National Institute on Drug Abuse

Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Multiple dates,
see announcement.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-022.html>