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Upcoming PDA Events:

March:
**Tax Workshop** on March 2nd. Check your email for more information.

**Illinois Medical District Career Connections Panel** on March 13th from 9am-1:30pm. Discussions involving start-ups, consulting, science writing, investment venture capital. $20 tickets required. For more information: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/imd-career-connections-tickets-15616806288](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/imd-career-connections-tickets-15616806288)

April and May:
Events will include an **Alternative Career Panel** and **PDA Social** at Three Aces.

Grant opportunities

Below you will find a table of grant opportunities with deadlines in the next 3 months. Opportunities highlighted in green are open to international postdocs. Future newsletters will include updated lists of grant opportunities so stay tuned.

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Review of Recent PDA Events

On January 30th, the PDA hosted a teaching seminar led by Dr. John Coumbe-Lilley entitled Teaching Careers in Higher Education. Dr. Coumbe-Lilley is currently the Director of Undergraduate Academic Affairs as well as a Clinical Assistant Professor. This session provided information on developing learning objectives based on class size, information on learning about course management and resources to look at when planning a teaching career.

The February PDA event hosted Kapila Viges of EnterpriseWorks discussing Volunteer Consulting Opportunities. The Consulting by Innovate@UIC program engages graduate students and post-doctoral candidates to serve on commercialization project teams on a volunteer basis. If you are interested, please send a cover letter outlining why you would like to be considered as well as a resume to: ewchicago@uillinois.edu

Both of these events were very well-attended and future events will be scheduled based on interest. If there are any events you would like to see in the future, please contact the PDA Director of Programming, Jeffrey Mosen-son at jeffmosenson@gmail.com to suggest ideas.

Introduction to the National Postdoctoral Association

By: Tuba Sural Fehr

The National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) has been advocating for policies that promote positive change in the postdoctoral experience since its founding in 2003. The NPA envisions changing the culture of those individuals and institutions engaged in the U.S. research enterprise so that the contributions of postdoctoral scholars are fully valued and recognized.

The NPA’s program activities are focused in three key areas: Advocacy and Education, Resource Development and Community-Building. The NPA works with the leadership of federal agencies, such as the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation, to develop new programs and policies for postdoctoral training, compensation, and benefits. The NPA develops and provides resources that postdocs and administrators need for success, such as Toolkit on the Responsible Conduct of Research; Survival Guide for International Postdocs; Family-Friendly Resources for Postdocs; The resource book, From Ph.D. to Professoriate: The Role of the Institution in Fostering the Advancement of Postdoc Women. The NPA provides opportunities for the postdoctoral community to connect and exchange ideas at its Annual Meeting, as well as maintains online forums to facilitate information exchange, collaboration, and networking.

UIC is an institutional member of the NPA and UIC postdocs therefore have free membership access to the website and the member-only resources. Activate your affiliate membership by going to: https://npamembers.site-ym.com/general/register_member_type.asp

For more information on what the NPA does and the resources it offers, please visit the NPA website www.nationalpostdoc.org.

2015 PDA Elections

PDA Elections will be held online over the last two weeks of February. We encourage all postdocs to participate in the elections. Check your email for details.
Selected Postdoc Achievements and Awards

Chicago Biomedical Consortium Postdoctoral Research grants:
Michael Calik, Tianji Chen, Laura Cook, Jose Cordoba-Chacon, Ludovic D’auria, Fernando Grigera, Jeffrey Mosenson, Georgette Moyle-Heyrman, Evelyn Nwabuisi-Heath, Kit Man Tsang, and Seock-Won Youn.

American Heart Association grants: Eleftheria Letsiou, Jing Li, Maria Paula Zappia

Poster and abstract awards: Jose Cordoba-Chacon, Jing Li, Shyama Majumdar, Shubha Priyamvada

Travel grants: Sanjay Behura, Michael Calik, Eleftheria Letsiou

NIH F32 NRSA Fellowship: Laura Cook

Return Home Fellowship from International Brain Research Organization: Pablo Barrionueva

UIC Institutional training grant: Amanda Schalk

Other: Yadav Pandit’s work has been listed as one of the top 10 science achievements at Brookhaven National Labs. Sandra Vanegas was selected as Co-Chair of the Culture Diversity Committee of the International Society for Autism Research.
Selected First Author Publications by UIC Postdocs 2014-2015


Calik M.W., and Carley D.W. Cannabinoid Type 1 And Type 2 Receptor Antagonists Prevent Attenuation of Serotonin-induced Reflex Apneas in Sprague-Dawley Rats. PLoS One. 2014: 9(10); e111412.


Coming up...
Watch for our upcoming newsletters including:

- Updated upcoming grant deadlines
- Reviews of PDA events
- Interviews with a faculty member discussing job transitions and negotiations
- Results of the Postdoc survey that will be sent out soon
- Postdoc research photos, awards, and publications: make sure to share you accomplishments and scientific images with us by emailing uic.pda@gmail.com

And more!