PostDoc Weekly Post | March 2, 2016

Events and Opportunities for Our UCI Postdoctoral Scholars, plus Postdoc Spotlight- Dr. Joe Heras!

TODAY!

Postdoc Association Meeting- Join us to fine-tune upcoming events to best support your career goals. We encourage input on our Speakers Series, Grant Writing Series and the UCI Postdoc Research Symposium scheduled at The Cove (UCI Applied Innovation) on Sept. 23 during Postdoc Appreciation Week. We encourage participation of postdocs from all disciplines and departments!
March 2, Wed. 5:30 – 7 pm
Location: Bio Sci III, rm 2120

Tomorrow is a busy day at UCI! Which workshop(s) would move your career forward?

Connect Your Research with the Community
Discover how to adapt your message through community outreach opportunities to engage persons of any age or background in your research and leave them excited about your field of study!
March 3, Thurs. 12 – 1pm
Location: Graduate Resource Center
Click to register

Life Beyond F-1 or J-1: Options for Future Employment in the U.S.
This workshop is designed for scholars in F-1 or J-1 visa status who want to learn about the H-1B visa, F-1/H-1B cap-gap relief, green card process and changing to other immigration statuses. Join the International Center and an immigration attorney to outline options available to you.
March 3, Thurs. 2:00 – 3:30pm
Location: Dr. White Room, Cross-Cultural Center
Click to register

Interested in Health Policy?
Click to learn more about the Health Policy Research Institute and Distinguished Seminar Speaker Series

Robert M. Kaplan, PhD, Stanford University, Clinical Excellence Research Center
“Do we need a new paradigm for biomedical research?”
March 3, Thurs. 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Location: 100 Theory, Suite 110, HPRI Large Conference Room
RSVP to msaplala@uci.edu

Enhancing Your CV and Cover Letter
Learn how to tailor your Curriculum Vitae (CV) for different institution types and how to highlight your best assets.
March 3, Thurs. 5:30 – 7 pm
Location: Graduate Resource Center
Click to register

Keep reading—there is even more!

NSF Programs for Innovation and Commercialization with Dr. Barbara Kenny, NSF Program Director for the Partnerships for Innovation: Accelerating Innovation Research (PFI:AIR) Program
Dr. Kenny will present information and answer questions about the NSF and programs offered in the Directorate for Engineering, with an emphasis on the programs offered in the Industrial Innovation and Partnerships (IIP).
Monday, March 14, 2016– 3:30pm Presentation and Q & A, 4:30pm Reception
Location: UCI Calit2 Auditorium
Register via events@research.uci.edu

Postdoctoral Scholar Grant Writing Series provided by the Postdoctoral Association, Office of Research and Graduate Division
Intended for postdocs interested in submitting K-99/R00 applications and similar grant applications. We will cover the basics of the application process and provide a forum for participants to discuss and review their applications prior to submission. Experts from the UCI community (K99/R00 grant recipients, aUCI faculty members and Office of Research scientific writers) will provide their insights and expertise. This will be a structured program with assignments (drafts of grant sections prior to working groups) to keep everyone on track.
March 31- May 19, Thursdays 4:00-5:00pm
Location: Medical Education Bldg, Telemedicine Theatre (B001)
Click to register

Schedule (topics slightly modified from earlier postdoc post)

1 Th. 3/31/2016 Grant Writing Series Kickoff: A Panel Discussion
2 Th. 4/7/2016 Writing Specific Aims and Research Strategy
3 Th. 4/14/2016 Refining the Research Strategy
4 Th. 4/21/2016 Description of Institutional Environment, Commitment to Candidate’s Research Plan, Budget
5 Th. 4/28/2016 Postdoc Working Group*
6 Th. 5/5/2016 Describing Career Goals, Objectives and Development
7 Th. 5/12/2016 Postdoc Working Group*
8 Th. 5/19/2016 The Reviewer’s Gaze
* Presenters will be available until 5pm; participants welcome to stay later.

Bench to Bedside Symposium – Sponsored by the UCI Gavin Herbert Eye Institute (Flyer attached!)
You are invited to attend and participate in the Postdoc poster session competition at this free one-day symposium focusing on translational research of interest to both basic science researchers and clinical scientists. Posters will be presented throughout the day to encourage interactions between post-doctoral fellows, scientists and industry experts. The top three outstanding post-doctoral posters will be awarded: $500 First Prize, $300 Second Prize, $200 Third Prize.
April 1, Fri.  8 am – 5 pm
Arnold and Mabel Beckman Center
Click to register
Public Speaking: Activate to Captivate – 8 week Communication Certificate Program
Participants will develop techniques that top speakers utilize to craft dynamic and compelling presentations including:
 How to overcome self-consciousness
 Turn passive presentations into active ones
 Use vocal variety to breathe life into a performance
Proven effective, these techniques are a valuable asset in meetings, job interviews and presentations.
Thursdays from 3-5pm, starting March 31- May 19
Location: Graduate Resource Center
Click here to register.

Preparing for a Faculty Career – a New Certificate Series
Participants will explore job search strategies, have the opportunity to draft and workshop applications, and develop and practice interview skills. Topics covered will include:
 Pathways to Employment
 Components of the Job Application
 Transitioning to the Academic Workforce
Tuesdays from 2:30 – 4:30pm, starting April 12 - May 17
Location: Graduate Resource Center
Click here to register

Additional Opportunities for Postdoctoral Scholars:

UCI Center for Engaged Instruction

The Center for Engaged Instruction now offers a Certificate in Teaching Excellence Program (CTEP), a program designed so that you can earn it at your own pace or by participating in workshops, readings, and teaching. You can also earn the CTEP in more formal ways, such as becoming a Pedagogical Fellow.

CEI’s mission includes improving the quality of teaching and learning through pedagogical development for postdoctoral fellows and showing postdocs how to use of innovative teaching techniques, including the use of instructional technology. Be sure to check out the CEI website and download the attached flier.

UCI Office of Research

Moore Inventor Fellowships - Call for Internal Applications
The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation has launched a new competition to identify outstanding inventors who create new tools and technologies with a high potential to accelerate progress in the foundation’s areas of interest: scientific research, environmental conservation and patient care. Click to read information about the program and guidelines. Questions about the internal review process may be directed to Greg Ruth at greg.ruth@uci.edu or x4-0372.

UCI California Federal Statistical Research Data Center 2016 Call for Proposals
UCI School of Social Sciences will support applications by UCI researchers to undertake research using confidential data accessed through the Irvine Branch of the California Federal Statistical Research Data Center. Permission to access data in the RDC is granted after completion of a research application submitted through the US Center for Economic Studies
(if using Census or other non-health data housed in the RDC) or the National Center for Health Statistics Research Data Center (if using NCHS data) or the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (if using AHRQ restricted access data). Click here to learn more. Deadline for applications: March 18

**INSIGHT**

**Insight Fellows Programs** - Now accepting applications for Summer 2016 Insight Fellowships

* 7 week, full-time, post-graduate training Fellowship
* Mentorship from leading industry data scientists and data engineers
* Join an active community of Insight alumni
* Self-directed, project-based learning with support from Insight throughout the whole process
* Tuition-free with need-based scholarships available to help cover living costs
* 500+ Insight alumni are now data scientists and data engineers at Facebook, LinkedIn, The New York Times, Apple, Airbnb, Netflix, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Uber, Seven Bridges Genomics, Twitter, Bloomberg, NBC, Microsoft, and 100+ other top companies.

Insight awards three distinct Fellowships; websites included below:

[Data Science](#)
[Health Data Science](#)
[Data Engineering](#)

**Coast Colleges**

**2016 Coast Colleges Hire Me Workshop** will be taking place this Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 9:00am-2:30pm in the Coast Colleges District Board Room located at 1370 Adams Avenue, Costa Mesa Ca 92626. For more information and register, go to [www.cccd.edu/hireme](http://www.cccd.edu/hireme)

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* A new feature of the Postdoc Post! Learn about what other postdocs are doing on campus.

**In the Spotlight**

**Postdoctoral Scholar Spotlight** - Meet Dr. Joseph Heras, an evolutionary biologist keenly interested in the genetic mechanisms that facilitate evolutionary adaptation. He attended UCRiverside for undergrad, CSULA for his masters, and UCMerced for his Ph.D.

Joe works in the Donovan German lab (Dept. of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology) and recently attended the 2016 Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology meeting in Portland Oregon to present a poster on his current research entitled “The monkeyface prickleback (*Cebidichthys violaceus*) genome: a source for understanding biology in a complex environment.” The American Physiological Society also recently supported his travel to attend a course in Vietnam on the physiology of native fishes in Mekong Delta, and the impact of environmental conditions on the adaptive traits of these fishes. As part of the course, he was able to co-author a manuscript based on his research in Vietnam entitled
"Ambient CO2, fish behaviour and altered GABAergic neurotransmission: exploring the mechanism of CO2-altered behaviour by taking a hypercapnia dweller down to low CO2 levels,” which was featured as an editors’ choice in the Journal of Experimental Biology.

Joe is a member of the PDA hospitality team, so you can contact him herasj@uci.edu with questions about postdoc life here at UCI.

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