

RESEARCH CAREER DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

WEBSITE: <http://medschool.umaryland.edu/career>

August 2017

The Research Career Development Program (RCD) offers workshops, classes and seminars in subjects that are critical to an academic research career, including Grant Writing, Publishing Your Research and Identifying Funding Sources for Your Research. In addition, we offer symposia on professional skills development, including Scientific Leadership & Professional Development. To view the workshop calendar, workshop descriptions, funding sources, grant deadlines etc., please visit: <http://medschool.umaryland.edu/career/>.

Research Skills Workshops

Identifying Funding Sources for Postdocs

Thursday, September 14

9:00 – 10:00am

685 W. Baltimore Street, MSTF Building, Room 316

This interactive workshop, given by **Stacie Mendoza**, *Research Support Specialist*, will assist postdocs in identifying non-NIH sources of funding for their research. Topics will include:

- Comprehensive introduction to various funding resources, including searchable databases and useful websites
- Interactive demonstration using funding databases

Registration required online at: <http://registrationrcdp.eventbrite.com>

Identifying Funding Sources for Faculty

Friday, September 15

9:00 – 10:00am

685 W. Baltimore Street, MSTF Building, Room 316

This interactive workshop, given by **Stacie Mendoza**, *Research Support Specialist*, will assist faculty in identifying non-NIH sources of funding for their research. Topics will include:

- Comprehensive introduction to various funding resources, including searchable databases and useful websites
- Interactive demonstration using funding databases

Registration required online at: <http://registrationrcdp.eventbrite.com>

Tips for Increasing Writing Productivity & Mini Writing Retreat

Tuesday, September 19

9:00– 11:00am

621 W. Lombard Street, SMC Campus Center, Room 351

Writing is a fundamental part of a scientist's "job", but strategies for writing efficiently are rarely taught. As a result, scientists often struggle with writing, especially with the practical steps of the writing process, such as how to get started. This session begins with ten tips for increasing writing productivity, with a focus on making writing part of your workday. These tips are designed to make writing easier and to help you write more quickly.

One of the most successful strategies for increasing writing productivity is to join a writing accountability group. Participants will learn about different writing accountability group opportunities available to UMB faculty, postdocs and graduate students.

For the last hour of this session, participants will have the opportunity to work on their own scientific writing project in a group setting. While it is not mandatory that participants stay for this hour, it is strongly encouraged, as this provides an opportunity to experience participating in a writing group. A writing consultant will be available for ad-hoc feedback. **A light breakfast will be provided.**

Target Audience: UMB Faculty, Postdocs and Graduate Students

Speakers: **Wendy Sanders, MA**, Associate Dean, Research Career Development Program, UMSOM; **Stacie Mendoza**, Research Support Specialist, Research Career Development Program, UMSOM; **Isabell May, PhD**, Director, Writing Center, UMB

Registration required online at: <http://registrationrcdp.eventbrite.com>

Scientific Writing Seminar Series

Tuesday, September 26, October 31 & November 28

9:00 – 10:00am

660 W. Redwood Street, Howard Hall, Room 450

The Research Career Development Program is pleased to offer a monthly seminar series on Scientific Writing. The purpose of this writing series is to help faculty write clearer and better organized research papers. The series consists of three stand-alone sessions, each of which focuses on an important aspect of scientific writing, listed below.

Sept 26: Writing a Systematic Review

Oct 31: Tips for Improving Your Scientific Writing, with a Focus on Writing a Research Paper

Nov 28: Responding to Reviewers

NOTE: These sessions are intended for UMB junior faculty and postdocs. More details on each session will be posted in future newsletters.

Registration required online at: <http://registrationrcdp.eventbrite.com>

Introduction to Basic Research Summer Course

Introduction to Basic Research Summer Course

August 14-25, 2017

9:00 – 12:00pm each day

685 W. Baltimore Street, MSTF Building, Room 354

The Department of Medicine is pleased to offer its annual summer course "**Introduction to Basic Research**". The course is designed for fellows, residents, post-docs, technicians, students and clinicians who would like to include basic research in their studies, as well as clinicians who would like to explore the applications of basic science methodologies in clinical research. The goal of this course is to provide an overview of the various research techniques and expertise available on campus and also the core scientific resources that are available to our scientists at UMB. Lectures will deal with the background behind various molecular techniques, statistical applications and data analysis, balancing effort versus impact when beginning new research projects, research portfolio building, use of experimental animals, concepts of experimental design and experimental models.

The deadline for registration is August 10, 2017. Registration, which covers the cost of all class materials, is \$25. Checks should be written to the **University of Maryland, Baltimore**.

Link to the website: <http://medschool.umaryland.edu/medicine/>

For further information please contact

Dr. Ishwar S. Singh (isingh@medicine.umaryland.edu)

Registration forms can be scanned and emailed or mailed to

Dr. Ishwar S. Singh: isingh@medicine.umaryland.edu, or
Ishwar S Singh, PhD: Health Science Facility II, Room S141,
20 Penn St., Baltimore, MD 21201.

CME credits will not be available.

National Cancer Institute (NCI) Outreach Event

National Cancer Institute Contracts SBIR Seminar Session

Tuesday, August 8
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

1812 Ashland Avenue, Suite 110, Baltimore, MD 21205

Meet with NCI SBIR Program Director Jonathan Franca-Koh at Johns Hopkins Technology Ventures! Dr. Franca-Koh will discuss the NCI-NIH's upcoming SBIR Contracts as well as NIH eligibility and requirements for a successful submission. For inquiries, please contact NCI SBIR (ncisbir@mail.nih.gov).

Register online:
https://sbir.cancer.gov/newsevents/events/JHU17?cid=eb_govdel

Individual Consultations (RCD)

GRANT WRITING/SUMMARY STATEMENT REVIEW CONSULTATIONS

Wendy Sanders, MA, Associate Dean for Research Career Development, is available to meet with junior faculty regarding how to plan, organize, write and revise a research grant application, including how to address summary statements. To schedule an appointment with Ms. Sanders, email: wsanders@som.umaryland.edu

FUNDING SOURCE CONSULTATIONS

Stacie Mendoza, Research Support Specialist for Research Career Development, assists junior faculty and postdocs with identifying sources of funding for their research including how to navigate the NIH funding database. To schedule an appointment with Ms. Mendoza, email: smendoza@som.umaryland.edu

Ombudsman Services Available for UMB Faculty & Staff

Confidential Ombuds services are now available to UMB faculty and staff for assistance with workplace concerns. Reasons to visit the Ombudsperson include situations that make one uncomfortable in the workplace such as feeling something unfair has taken place; being unsure about a school or university policy or procedure; conflict with a co-worker or supervisor; needing a neutral person to listen; or seeking help when one does not know where else to turn. Upon request, the ombudsperson also offers mediation or shuttle diplomacy.

The Ombudsperson does not advocate for persons or groups; give legal advice; provide psychological counseling; or participate in formal procedures such as grievances. The Ombudsperson cannot change or waive school policies, nor can she serve as an agent of notice for the University.

Dr. Laurelyn Irving holds a PhD from the University of North Texas, an M.S.S.W. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a BA from Purdue University. She has over 20 years of experience teaching university staff how to resolve conflict and 11 years in practice as a mediator.

To make an appointment, **Dr. Irving** can be reached at 410-706-8534 or by email at irving@umaryland.edu. For more information, visit www.umaryland.edu/ombuds

Funding Opportunities ~ Upcoming Deadlines

ARNOLD AND MABEL BECKMAN FOUNDATION Young Investigator Program

The Program is intended to provide research support to the most promising young faculty members in the early stages of academic careers in the chemical and life sciences particularly to foster the invention of methods, instruments and materials that will open up new avenues of research in science. Projects should be innovative, high-risk, and show promise for contributing to significant advances in chemistry and the life sciences.

DEADLINE: August 14, 2017

WEBSITE: <http://www.beckman-foundation.org/programs/beckman-young-investigators-program-information>

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DoD) FY17 Epilepsy Research Program (ERP)

- Idea Development Award

- Epilepsy Risk Factors Award

PRE-APPLICATION (LOI) DUE: September 6, 2017

FULL APPLICATION DUE: September 20, 2017

WEBSITE: <http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/reftable#23>

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY Multidisciplinary Team Award

RFA: Understanding, Preventing, and Managing Immunotherapy-related Adverse Events (irAEs) Associated with Checkpoint Inhibition for Melanoma and Other Cancers

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 31, 2017

PAPER APPLICATION COPY DEADLINE: November 1, 2017

WEBSITE: <https://www.cancer.org/content/dam/cancer-org/research/extramural-grants-documents/acs-mra-team-rfa-policies-and-instructions.pdf>

DORIS DUKE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION Clinical Scientist Development Award

The purpose of this award is to facilitate junior physician scientists conducting clinical research through their transition to independent clinical research careers.

Additional information on how to apply for the 2018 CSDA awards will be available in late fall of 2017

WEBSITE: <http://www.ddcf.org/what-we-fund/medical-research/goals-and-strategies/encourage-and-develop-clinical-research-careers/clinical-scientist-development-award/>

More funding opportunities can be found at:

<http://www.medschool.umaryland.edu/career/Grant-Deadlines/>

Foundation Funding Assistance

To learn more about foundation funding opportunities and assistance with foundation grant development and submission, please contact: **Sarah Bradley**, Director of Foundation Relations for the UMSOM at sbradley@som.umaryland.edu