

OFFICE FOR POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS
Career Development Sessions
Spring Summer 2020

(All sessions are virtual and, unless otherwise noted, sponsored by OFPF.)

APRIL 2020

Friday, April 10 **Working from Home: It's as easy as 1-2-3** Laurissa Gann, RML
Discover tools that will help you work and relax at home. The library offers a ton of free tools, apps, services, and resources that are all accessible 24/7 at your fingertips. Join us to learn how you can get access.

Friday, April 17 **Understanding the Grant Alphabet Soup** Dawn Chalaire, SciPubs
K, F, T, D, U, or R? How do you know which type of NIH grant or award you should apply for? This session will give an overview of several different federal grant programs, including the purpose of the award and its review criteria, eligibility requirements, and submission deadlines.

***Friday, April 24** **ICYMI: Understanding the Grant Alphabet Soup** Dawn Chalaire, SciPubs
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Thursday, April 30 **Advance your Career in a Virtual World** Jill Huggett & Lisa Walsh
Learn how to advance your career during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond. We invite you to attend a virtual, interactive workshop conducted by [Bridgepath Career Advisors](#). The workshop will help you uncover your personal brand and how to promote yourself, so that you succinctly convey your value proposition and differentiate yourself from your competitors. The current environment of working virtually poses additional challenges and unique opportunities to managing your career. Jill and Lisa will teach you how to communicate your authentic self while also ensuring others know your value. Articulating a compelling personal brand is critical to advancing your career now and in the future. *(Sponsored by Academic Development)*

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Friday, May 1 Being Compelling In Your Virtual Communication

[Matt Abrahams](#)

You most certainly have had the unfortunate opportunity to sit through a boring, unorganized webinar or virtual presentation in which the speaker droned on aimlessly. The power and promise of virtual communication is the ability to engage and educate people far and wide. But in order to realize this promise, presenters need to plan, prepare, and practice in the right way. This webinar will walk you through simple steps that will help you plan and present compelling, valuable webinars and virtual presentations.

Friday, May 8 Getting a Faculty Position

[Michael Beierlein, PhD](#)

Obtaining a tenure-track faculty position is the result of a laborious multi-step process that can take well over a year. Taking the point of view of a search committee member, I would like to de-mystify this process and highlight some obvious and not so obvious parts about the application and the interview that can go a long way in determining your success on the academic job market.

Friday, May 15 NIH Loan Repayment Programs

[Ericka Boone, PhD](#)

The NIH LRPs pay up to \$50,000 annually of qualified educational debt in return for a commitment to engage in NIH mission-relevant research. Applicants must hold an M.D., Ph.D., Psy.D., Pharm.D, D.O., D.D.S., D.M.D., D.P.M, D.C., N.D., O.D., D.V.M, or equivalent doctoral-level degree (except for the Contraception & Infertility Research LRP). The NIH LRPs will accept applications from September 1-November 15. Don't miss your opportunity to learn from the Director how you could receive up to \$100,000 in educational debt relief.

Friday, May 22 Memorial Day Holiday (no session)

Friday, May 29 Overview of Training Grants Office

Paolo Mangahas, PhD

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Friday, June 5 Industry Insights: Karyopharm Therapeutics, Inc.

Karyopharm Therapeutics is an innovation-driven pharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development, and commercialization of medicines with the goal of improving the lives of patients with cancer.

Hear from the following executive members:

- **Pierre S. Sayad, PhD, MS**, Vice President, Global Medical and Scientific Affairs
- **Yosef Landesman, PhD**, Senior Vice President, Research and Translational Medicine
- **Hongwei Wang, MD/PhD**, Vice President, Clinical Development

Friday, June 12 **Transitioning to Faculty: Setting Up Your Lab**

[Giorgios Karras, PhD](#)

This session will focus on the transition to faculty, the considerations and actions required to set up a lab/team, maximizing conferences for expanding professional networks and insights for persisting when things do not go as planned.

Friday, June 19 **Insights Into Your Postdoctoral Association**

Members of the MD Anderson Postdoctoral Association Executive Committee (PDAEC) discuss their roles and activities during FY20.

Friday, June 26 **Mentor or Tormentor?**

Geoffrey Bartholomeusz, PhD

Help for Navigating Relational Conflicts

We all encounter relational conflict at work either between colleagues, mentors, or PIs. Professionals can not only direct you to the relevant institution officers to help you address particular issues, but also give you tools and strategies to handle current and future challenges.

****JULY 2020**

***two sessions are offered for these topics to accommodate the research shifts*

Friday, July 3 Institutional Holiday (no session)

Thurs., July 9 Careers in Medical Affairs for PhDs

[William Soliman, PhD](#)

10:00 am – 11:00 am 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

As PhD-trained scientists there are many career options available for you. While many are aware of MSL positions, there are other career tracks also available in medical affairs. This session will provide insight into the medical affairs careers available to PhD trained professionals within the pharmaceutical/biotech/medical device industry. Join us as [William Soliman, PhD](#), Chief Executive Officer of the Accreditation Council for Medical Affairs, shares insights into this career field.

Fri., July 10 Sailing to the Next Port: Leadership Can Take You Where You Want to Go

Former postdoctoral fellows who are faculty in academia or who work in industry share how their engagement with the postdoc association helped them in their current positions.

10:00 am – 11:00 am

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Panelists

Marites Melancon, PhD

Denny Fe Agana-Norman, PhD, MPH

Anushree Sharma, PhD

Kylee Veazey, PhD (pre-recorded video)

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Maria Gracia Garcia Mendoza, PhD

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Fri., July 17 (no session)

**Wed., July 22 Making the Most of Your Postdoctoral Fellowship:
Building Career Relevant Skills**

Lauren Celano, CEO & Founder
Propel Careers

This webinar will focus on how to develop career relevant skills and experiences during a postdoctoral fellowship in order to be competitive for careers in areas including R&D, commercialization and consulting. Advice will be provided for how to develop relevant skills while performing research and how to showcase these to potential employers. Advice will also be provided for how to build skills outside of the lab. The skills will be mapped to the various career areas in order to help prioritize skill building based upon career interests.

Fri., July 31 What are Chalk Talks and How to Prepare for One

Stephanie Watowich, PhD

2:00pm only

Chalk talks are part of the interview process for a faculty position in which the future research plan is presented. In this session, Dr. Watowich will explain what a chalk talk is, how to prepare for one, and how to master it.