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Make sure to check out the Graduate School’s professional development event calendar, which has a comprehensive list of all professional development events around campus for grad students and postdocs. You can find the schedule at: [http://grad.wisc.edu/events](http://grad.wisc.edu/events).

**Dr. Jennifer Honda, MMI Speaker Event – TODAY, March 17**

The next MMI speaker is scheduled for today at Noon in Room 1520 MSB. Jennifer Honda, PhD from the Department of Immunology & Microbiology at the University of Colorado will be speaking on “Extending the Current Knowledge of Non-tuberculous Mycobacterial Virulence.” For additional information, contact the host, Caitlin Pepperell at cspepper@medicine.wisc.edu.

**2017 Spring Commencement Ceremonies**

Recently graduated or planning on graduating soon? The deadline to have your name appear in the commencement program is **Friday, March 31**. In order to have your name appear in the program, you must complete the “Apply to Graduate” process in your MyUW Student Center (see [https://registrar.wisc.edu/apply_to_graduate.htm](https://registrar.wisc.edu/apply_to_graduate.htm)). Please see [www.commencement.wisc.edu](http://www.commencement.wisc.edu) for more information about participating in Commencement.

Doctoral degree candidates ceremony: Friday, May 12, 5:30pm at the Kohl Center
Master’s degree candidates ceremony: Saturday, May 13, noon at Camp Randall Stadium
**Planning for Spring/Summer Thesis Defense**

Students, if you are planning to defend your thesis this spring or summer, please get in touch with the CMB Office to get the process of requesting your PhD warrant started. Warrants must be requested from the Graduate School at least three weeks before your defense. In order to request your PhD warrant, the CMB Office will need to know the date and title of your dissertation. More information on the thesis defense process can be found here: [http://www.cmb.wisc.edu/thesis_defense](http://www.cmb.wisc.edu/thesis_defense).

**Richard Spritz, MD, UW SDRC Seminar – Monday, March 20 and Tuesday, March 21**

UW SDRC is hosting Richard Spritz, MD next week for two seminars. Dr. Spritz is Professor of Pediatrics and Director of the Human Medical Genetics Program at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. He will give “The Genetics of Vitiligo” from 9-10am in Room 408 SMI, 470 N Charter St on Monday, March 20th. On Tuesday, March 21st, he will give “Genetic Disorders of Pigmentation” from 8:30-9:30am in 7th Floor Conference Room, 1 S Park St. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Dr. Nelson, PhD, SMPH Cardiovascular Research Center Seminar – Tuesday, March 14**

The SMPH Cardiovascular Research Center welcomes you to attend a seminar presented by Dr. Mark T. Nelson, PhD (University of Vermont) on Tuesday, March 14 at 4:30pm in Room 1335 HSLC. Dr. Nelson will present “Capillaries as decoders of the neural rhythm of the brain: Translating thought into blood flow.” The overall goal of research in his lab is to understand the control of smooth muscle and endothelial cell function by ion channels and calcium signaling, with an emphasis on the cerebral circulation. If you are interested in visiting with Dr. Nelson for a 1:1 meeting prior to his seminar, please contact Christine Tydrich at Christine.tydrich@wisc.edu.

**Preparing for Careers in Science Policy Workshop – Tuesday, March 28**

Dr. Yaihara Fortis, Science Alliance Director from the New York Academy of Science will be leading an interactive event where you will learn all about science policy careers and how to prepare to enter this field. The 2-part workshop will last 2.5 hours, including dinner and networking with the speaker! It will take place on Tuesday, March 28 in MSB 1420 from 4-6:30pm. Please register to save your space and get your pizza! [http://tinyurl.com/SciPolCareers](http://tinyurl.com/SciPolCareers).
**Interview Prep Workshop — Wednesday, March 29**

The CMB, IPiB, and NTP Programs have organized an informational workshop/seminar on Wednesday, March 29, 4-6pm at 1360 Genetics/Biotech Building. Danielle Bashirulla, founder of D Bash Solutions, a consulting/recruiting company in the biotech industry, will join us to share some information on different career paths in the biological sciences as well as tips on preparing a CV/resume and cover letter and on preparing for interviews. Please feel free to bring drafts of your CV/resume and/or cover letter if you’d like. While drafts will not be reviewed on a one-on-one basis, you may find it helpful to make changes during the workshop. *Pizza will be provided at the event.* This event was created in preparation for the April 13 Mock Interview Event (details below). Please register here by Tuesday, March 21st: [http://go.wisc.edu/4gc664](http://go.wisc.edu/4gc664).

**Fall 2017 Teaching Assistant Positions in Biocore – Deadline: Monday, April 3**

The Biology Core Curriculum is now accepting applications from graduate students who are interested in lecture or laboratory teaching assistantships in Evolution, Ecology, and Genetics (Biocore 381/382) or Organismal Biology (Biocore 485/486) for Fall Semester 2017. Appointments may be from 33.4% to 50% of full time, depending on the candidate's other appointments and the number of discussion sections or labs taught. Candidates interested in Biocore 381/382 should have strong backgrounds in genetics and ecology. Candidates interested in Biocore 485/486 should have familiarity with anatomy and physiology of plants and animals.

For further information about the Biocore Program and these courses see [http://biocore.wisc.edu](http://biocore.wisc.edu). The Biocore teaching assistant application is available on the Biocore website ([http://biocore.wisc.edu](http://biocore.wisc.edu)). Send completed application to Carol Borcherding (carol.borcherding@wisc.edu) - Deadline for application is Monday, April 3, 2017.

**Delta Mentoring Statement Workshop – Thursday, April 6**

The Delta Mentoring Statement Workshop is designed to help participants develop their mentoring statement, a document commonly required as part of faculty job applications. This event will be held on Thursday, April 6 from 11:30am – 1:00pm at 445 Henry Mall, WISCIENCE Conference Room 117. Follow this link to register: [https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3a7IX1QJP5J66tD](https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3a7IX1QJP5J66tD)
**Mock Interview Event – Thursday, April 13**

We have teamed up with professionals from various non-academic careers to provide graduate students with the unique opportunity to practice their interview skills in a mock job interview with someone from their career of interest. This event will take place in two sessions: Thursday, April 13 from 10am-12pm and 1:30-4:30pm in Room 7225, Medical Sciences Center. Each mock interview will last 25 minutes. In addition to the mock interview, you will receive feedback on your job application materials and your interview during this time. To participate, read the mock job postings [here](#) and choose ONE job posting of interest. [Sign up](#) for a mock interview time for your job posting of choice. Spots are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Submit your resume and cover letter to Gulpreet Kaur ([gkaur3@wisc.edu](mailto:gkaur3@wisc.edu)) by **Sunday, April 10** with the title: “Mock Interview – [job posting of your choice].” Please make sure to include the mock job position’s name on the title. For any questions and more information regarding this event, contact Gulpreet Kaur at [gkaur3@wisc.edu](mailto:gkaur3@wisc.edu).

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**Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Volunteer Event for Women in STEM – Saturday, April 22**

Girl Scouts of Wisconsin are hosting an event for girls grades 6-12, where they will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with professional women employed in STEM fields to ask questions, share ideas, and build their professional network. The event is from 3-5pm on Saturday, April 22 at the Goodman Community Center. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact CMB student Adriana Golding at [adriana.golding@wisc.edu](mailto:adriana.golding@wisc.edu).

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**WuXi Biologics Position Openings in China**

WuXi Biologics (located in Shanghai, WuXi and Suzhou of China, A WuXi AppTec Affiliate) provides a comprehensive, integrated and highly customizable range of services for the discovery, development and manufacturing of biologics. They are an open-access biologics technology platform offering end-to-end solutions to empower anyone to discover, develop and manufacture biologics from concept to commercial manufacturing. WuXi Biologics has immediate openings available at various levels in biologics and bioprocess including:

- Associate Director/ Director/ Senior Director, CMC Management
- Associate Director/Director of Biochemistry, Protein Analytical Sciences
- Director/Senior Director for biologics formulation development
- Scientist of Therapeutic Antibody Characterization/Bioassay Development
- Assistant/Associate Director, Biophysical/Forensic, Protein Analytical Sciences
- Sr. Scientist – Therapeutic Antibody Analytical/Protein Analytical Sciences
- Group Leader of Cell Line Development
- Sr. Scientist in Protein Sciences

Please contact the CMB Office for detailed job descriptions and feel free to express your interest to Dr. Melinda Ding at Melinda_Ding@wuxiapptec.com or WuXi Biologics HR at HR_Biologics@Wuxiapptec.com.