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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

Reminder: CMB Progress Reports Due Soon!
CMB students, please remember to submit your Progress Reports to the CMB Office by August 31st. You can drop them off to Sarah in 413B Bock Labs on Monday’s and Thursday’s or to Miranda (413 main desk) on any day of the week.

CMB Program Fall Travel Award -
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**Deadline: Thursday, September 14**
The CMB Program is happy to announce the Fall 2017 round of travel awards for CMB students. All current CMB students who will present a poster, talk at a scientific conference, or between August 1 and December 31, 2017 (and who were not awarded during the Fall 2016 or Spring 2017 competitions) are eligible for an award of up to $500. For consideration, please submit all materials in one PDF document to cmb@bocklabs.wisc.edu no later than **Thursday, September 14, 2017**. Letters of support from PIs can be sent separately if they prefer.

**Graduate School Welcome Week 2017 Events**
The Graduate School is eager to welcome students back to campus, and there is a full week of events planned for you. Join Graduate School for Welcome Week August 28-September 1. From career development to diversity dialogues, productivity tools to the annual Graduate School Degree Dash - there’s something for everyone! Registration is **required** for all events.
• Discover Your Options Beyond Graduate School, Take Charge of Your Career - Monday, August 28 | 12:00-1:30pm, reception 1:30-2:00pm | 1310 Sterling Hall
• Time Management for Graduate Students - Tuesday, August 29 | 4-5:30pm | 159 Wisconsin Idea Room, Education Building
• Cool Tools: Apps and More to Increase Productivity - Thursday, August 31 | 3-4:30pm | 2241 Chamberlin Hall
• Let’s Talk: Invitation to Dialogue about Diversity - Thursday, August 31 or Friday, September 1 (attend one) | 1-2:30pm | 222 Ingraham Hall
• Multicultural Graduate Network (MGN) Welcome Celebration - Thursday, August 31 | 5:00-7:00pm | Upper Carson Gulley Center
• Graduate School Degree Dash - Friday, September 1 | Check-in: 7:15am | Doctoral Derby: 8am | Master’s Mile: 8:30am | Bascom Hill

**Fall Communicating Science Course:**

**Scientific Manuscript Writing Using Storytelling Methods**
Comparative Biosciences will be offering a writing course again this fall. It is a 1 credit course with one 2.5-hour class per week for 6 weeks on Mondays from 4:30-7:00pm, beginning October 30. This course will break down the essential components of a scientific manuscript and introduce strategies to write each part. Students will work together to deconstruct published manuscripts to identify the hypothesis, key players (characters) that form the basics of the report, and the impact of the discovery. They will then represent the manuscripts as a story. In parallel, students will use story telling tools to craft a compelling abstract of their own data. The course will include iterative writing exercises with peer review that will be focused on honing a clear and concise writing style. Any questions regarding the course can be directed toward Joan Jorgensen at joan.jorgensen@wisc.edu.

NSF GRFP Information Session - Tuesday, August 22
If you are an undergraduate senior or a graduate student in your first or second year of graduate school, you are invited to attend the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Information Session. The session will be held on Tuesday, August 22, from 8:30-9:30am in Bascom Hall, Room 4012. It will be facilitated by Dr. Benjamin Marquez, who has served as a reviewer for the GRFP. The session will provide an overview of the application process and share tips on how to make your application stand out. To attend the session, please RSVP to Ira.diaz@wisc.edu.

Jorgensen Lab Opportunities
The Jorgensen Laboratory of Developmental Reproductive Endocrinology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is seeking qualified applicants for one postdoc opening. The ideal candidate will have a PhD in life sciences and has three postdoc openings for projects focusing on transcriptional regulation along with high molecular biology, with a particular emphasis on Leydig cells within whole testes. The ideal candidate should have experience in mouse models and have a PhD in life sciences. Interested candidates can contact Joan Jorgensen at joan.jorgensen@wisc.edu for more information. The Jorgensen Laboratory is located at: 1226 Bascom Hall, 1100 University Ave, Madison, WI 53706.
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SciMed GRS Annual Poster Session - Friday, September 22
The Science and Medicine Graduate Research Scholars Program (SciMed GRS) would like to extend an invitation to their upcoming poster session. Approximately 50 graduate students from the SciMed GRS community will be presenting
research posters from 4-6pm on Friday, September 22 in Varsity Hall, Union South. The event will coincide with the Bioscience Opportunities Preview Program (BOS) visit September 21-24, offering visiting prospective students additional exposure and interaction with graduate studies at UW-Madison. Faculty who are available to help with judging student posters during the poster session can click here to sign up. The goal is to have several representatives from each graduate program. Faculty with students presenting a poster can serve as a judge during the session. Eligibility: must be a graduate student in biological or physical sciences that is beginning to work on a scientific manuscript for publication.

**Student Research Travel Grants**

**Competition (SRGC) - Now Open**

Are you a dissertator or final year MFA, planning ahead for professional development opportunities for the summer, fall, or spring semesters? If you have already been accepted to present at a conference, or if you are planning to apply, consider applying for Conference
Presentation Funds to help defray the costs of conference travel. Need funding support for important research travel plans? The Student Research Travel Grants provides eligible UW-Madison graduate students with funds for domestic or international travel related to conducting research in support of their dissertation, thesis, or final project. Due to limited funds, only dissertators and final year MFA’s are eligible to apply for award travels funds. Applicants can receive award travel support only one time per award year. For application information, visit the SRGC website.

**Planning Your Path to Graduate School Success - Professional Development Tool**

Success in graduate school and beyond requires that you create a plan, take advantage of resources and opportunities to develop your skills, and explore career resources and options. By actively participating in professional development opportunities at UW-Madison, you will build the skills needed to continue to succeed academically, and to thrive in your chosen career. The Graduate School provides students with tools to kickstart
their Professional Development. To explore these options and begin your Individual Development Plan, click here.

**Postdoc Opportunity in HIV Research at the National Cancer Institute, Rein Lab**

Dr. Alan Rein of the HIV Dynamics & Replication Program at the National Cancer Institute in Frederick, MD is looking for a postdoc to assist in HIV research. Areas of interest include retroviral partial structure & assembly, antiviral action mechanisms of APOBEC3 and Serinc5, interactions of retroviral proteins with RNA, and structure of viral RNAs. If you are interested in this opportunity, you can contact Dr. Rein directly at rein@nih.gov. Click here for more information.

**Postdoc Opportunity: Tessier Lab, University of Michigan**

The Tessier Lab has moved to the University of Michigan (as of August 1st) and has three postdoc openings for projects involving protein/antibody engineering, antibody drug discovery and development, antibody biophysical and developability analysis, bionanotechnology and molecular imaging. Interested candidates with a PhD...
(or nearing the end of their PhD) in relevant areas (engineering, chemistry, life sciences, etc.) should directly contact the Tessier lab (email: ptessier@umich.edu).

**Postdoc Opportunity: Jorgensen Lab of Developmental Reproductive Endocrinology, Department of Comparative Biosciences, UW-Madison**

The Jorgensen Laboratory of Developmental Reproductive Endocrinology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is seeking a highly motivated individual interested in the fundamental principles of steroid biology and its role in development and adult physiology. Investigative avenues will include discovery of epigenetic and direct transcriptional regulation along with high resolution visualization of molecular control of steroid synthesis at the level of single Leydig cells within whole testes. The ideal candidate will have a PhD in life sciences with a strong background in cell and molecular biology, transcriptional regulation, and high resolution microscopy. Experience with mouse models is desired but not essential. Additional qualities should include the
Additional qualities should include the ability to work in a team, passion for the scientific endeavor, and excellence in communication skills. This is a 100% time research position with an initial appointment for one year with possible extension depending on performance and funding. Qualified applicants should submit a letter of motivation, CV, and contact information for at least three references. For questions regarding the position, please contact Dr. Joan Jorgensen at joan.jorgensen@wisc.edu.