For the Week of May 24, 2015

Graduate School News

Application to Graduate Summer

Deadline: May 29
Applications to graduate must be submitted by graduate students and approved by their graduate programs and advisors on GRADFORMS.OSU.EDU by May 29. Applications submitted after the deadline will only be eligible for the end of semester option. (There is not a separate application deadline for May session because it is part of summer term.)

Graduate School Deadlines for Summer

May 29 - Summer Applications to Graduate due in the Graduate School
July 17 - Completion of Master's and Doctoral defense exams. Report on Final Exams must be completed by the respective exam committee
July 24 - Submission of final approved thesis or dissertation. Report on Final Document completed by respective committee
August 9 - Summer Commencement
August 24 - Summer end of semester deadline. Students who complete degree requirements by this deadline graduate in Autumn Semester (December 20) without having to enroll in autumn.

**Stipend Increase**

We wanted to communicate an update regarding the stipend amount for the Biomedical Sciences PhD students. The College of Medicine's standard stipend amount will be $27,576 ($2298.00/month) effective August 17, 2015. This represents a 2% increase over the current stipend amount.

Our Program Director Amy Lahmers will be communicating this change to the HR staff in departments where the students are working so that they can implement this change effective August 17, 2015.

**Upcoming Events**

**Effective Grant Writing for Postdocs, June 12th**

Effective Grant Writing for Postdocs
Friday, June 12, 2015 | 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Postdoctoral Advisory Council and BioScience Writers will host a grant writing workshop exclusively for postdoctoral scientists at Ohio State. The full-day workshop will focus on the fundamentals of crafting a compelling, competitive fellowship grant. Participants will learn the Preliminary Steps to Writing a Proposal (i.e. creating a timeline deliverables), Steps to Design Clear Scientific Aims and Hypotheses, Writing a Compelling Training Plan, and more. Far from a lecture, this workshop will include hands-on writing exercises that will provide feedback from BioScience Writers and your peers. Because of the hands-on nature of the workshop, participants will need to come prepared with the beginning stages of a fellowship application in order to use the skills learned to modify their application throughout the workshop.

Although the core content will focus on NIH award mechanisms, writing exercises and advice will be applicable to those targeting NSF and other fellowship applications as well.

For the workshop application, please contact Lauren Graham at BSGP@osumc.edu.

**Yoga for Life - Four Day Yoga and Wellness Workshop Series**

The Yoga for Life workshop series will take place at the Ohio State University Biomedical Research Tower-New James Conference Room (B050) over four days: June 2, 4, 9, and 11, 2015 from 5:00–6:30 pm. Please see attached flyer for further information.

**Other Information**

**2015 Postdoc Recruitment Symposium at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital**

The Cincinnati Children’s Hospital will be holding a postdoc recruitment symposium on
26th. The deadline for the application for the symposium is June 5, 2015. See some of the opportunities being conducted at CCHMC and the job opportunities.

2015 Postdoc Recruitment Symposium at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital

The Ohio State University (OSU) invites applications from master's and doctoral student Breast Cancer Disparities Research Training Program. The program will provide trainees opportunities to understand and eliminate disparities in breast cancer outcomes. Trainees will be supervised by a lead mentor as well as a secondary mentor. As part of the training program, trainees will undertake a specialized curriculum composed of three main components: 1) core didactic courses; 2) elective courses; and 3) special program initiatives. The program will provide full support to the trainees including tuition, stipend, mentoring, and access to equipment, supplies, and pilot research support.

Trainee must:

- Be available to start at OSU on August 17 for up to three years of training.
- Be accepted into an OSU master's or doctoral program in public health, health sciences, or related disciplines.
- Additionally, doctoral students must have a background in the basic sciences, biostatistics, behavioral and social sciences, nursing, or health-related field of research.

To apply, send the following documents:

- Official transcript.
- Personal statement that includes career plans and demonstrates a strong desire for training in breast cancer disparities research.
- Three letters of recommendation.

Applications should be sent to:
Electra D. Paskett, Ph.D.
Marion N. Rowley Professor of Cancer Research and Director
Division of Cancer Prevention and Control
Department of Medicine
College of Medicine
Associate Director for Population Sciences
Comprehensive Cancer Center
1590 North High Street, Suite 525
Columbus, OH 43201

Closing date for application:
Friday, June 19, 2015 at 5:00 pm
For more information, please contact toyin.sokari@osumc.edu.
PLOS ONE: PLOS Early Career Travel Award Program

PLOS is pleased to announce the Early Career Travel Award Program. To recognize the career researchers and support opportunities for them to present their research findings a the scientific dialogue, PLOS will provide up to TEN Travel Awards of $500 each toward: scientific conference where work has been accepted for presentation. This is a great opportunity for any of the past or current students working in your lab that co-authored a PLOS paper and we encourage you to share this information with them. Eligible researchers will be...

- Presenting at a conference taking place between August 1 - December 31, 2015,
- An author on an article published in any PLOS journal by the application date, AND
- Currently part of a graduate program or have received a graduate degree within the as of the application deadline

The application deadline for the travel award is June 30, 2015. For more information and visit: www.plos.org/travelawards

If you have any questions please let us know and we would be happy to assist.

Post doc position

A postdoctoral fellowship position supported by Prostate Cancer Foundation and the Institute are available in the laboratory of Dr. Nima Sharifi at the Cleveland Clinic Institute in the Department of Cancer Biology.

Our laboratory is focused on molecular mechanisms of androgen synthesis and androgen gain-of-function that lead to resistance to androgen deprivation therapy and the translational thereof. Areas of interest in this laboratory include:

1) Metabolic and genetic changes required for androgen synthesis
2) Clinical validation in patients and clinical trials utilizing innovative approaches
3) Animal models of advanced prostate cancer for translational and therapeutic studies
4) Identifying targets for the development of new pharmacologic therapies

We recently discovered that abiraterone, an FDA-approved drug, works by conversion to a more active steroidal metabolite (Li, et al. Nature. 2015 In press). We are currently working toward defining the relationship between metabolite generation and treatment response in patients with prostate cancer and identifying new chemical entities that are determinants of treatment response.

The position will provide a unique and multidisciplinary exposure to tumor metabolism, molecular oncology, drug development and clinical trials. This research program is supported by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the American Cancer Society, the Prostate Cancer Foundation, Department of Defense prostate Cancer Research Program and the National Institutes of Health. Further details are available at the following link: https://www.lerner.ccf.org/cancerbio/sh

Candidates should hold a doctoral degree with a background in molecular biology, metabolism. Candidates must have proficiency in verbal and written English. Candidates within the position should send their CV and contact information for 3 references to: Nima Sharifi, M.D.

Kendrick Family Chair for Prostate Cancer Research