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Postdoc Corner

Why Graduate Students and Postdocs Should Pursue Grants

By Victoria McGovern for Inside Higher Ed

The need to succeed at getting grants is a continuing part of faculty life at research institutions. Watching the process leaves some graduate students and postdocs convinced that they want no part of it. The stakes seem so high. And it's true, the stakes are high. But bringing in outside funding is the only way to sustain an independent research-driven career in an academic setting.

If grant writing requires researchers to justify their upkeep and show continuing innovation, then they are hardly alone. It's not very different outside the ivory tower. Demonstrating one's creative prowess and professional mastery is a part of careers ranging from architecture to zymology. Rock stars sing for their supper, and novelists need more than one story to tell. Whether your destiny is in the professoriate or beyond, if you become comfortable with writing down what you do, how it matters and why others should give you money to do more of it, you will strengthen your capacity to succeed at many potential careers.

Click here to read the full article.

Lost and Found in Revisions

By Rachel Hermann for The Chronicle of Higher Education

In some ways, editing my book has felt similar to the year I spent driving around the
**Tax Season Info**

**Notre Dame/Saint Mary's College Tax Assistance Program (TAP)**
This service is free for those who made an annualized income of $45,000 or below during the 2016 tax period. For international visitors, appointments will be offered Mondays through Thursdays from 2/20 through 4/13. For US citizens, no appointments are necessary. Visit [https://tap.nd.edu/](https://tap.nd.edu/) for more information.

**Beware** - even if you didn't receive a pay check from Notre Dame or other sources regarding your appointment, you still may be expected to submit a document to IRS.

**One-on-One Consultations**

Do you need assistance?
- Career counseling
- Plan and define career goals
- Explore career options
- Identify strengths and weakness and plan for skills development
- CV, resume or cover Letter feedback
- Linkedin/Google scholar profile
- Prepare for upcoming interviews

Contact [Valli Sarveswaran](mailto:valli.sarveswaran@nd.edu) to schedule a one-on-one consultation.

**Career Services**

**Being Active in Your Career Exploration**

*By Dr. Adriana Bankston for The POSTDOCket*

While a few of us have always known which career path to choose, most of us probably changed our minds several times. Finding out which career path to follow depends on your ability to actively seek out information and resources to help you answer this question for yourself. Dr. Adriana Bankston suggests 11 ways to be active in your own career exploration while in your current position.

Click [here](mailto:valli.sarveswaran@nd.edu) to read more.

**Managing the Long-Distance Dissertation**

*By Daveena Tauber for Chronicle Vitae*

When I told the
I had correctly guessed that my own happiness (translation: location, location, location) would be the crucial determinant in my Ph.D. completion. Yet while it can be done, writing a dissertation long distance presents unique challenges.

Click here to read Tauber's advice on navigating the long-distance dissertation.

**Events and Workshops**

**World on Tap**

All postdocs are invited to The World on Tap, a social at Rohr's held every first Wednesday of the month. Free appetizers will be served, and the first 50 attendees will receive a free drink ticket valued up to $6. Please bring a valid photo ID to this event.

- Date: April 5, 2017
- Time: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- Location: Rohr's at the Morris Inn (map)

**Free Spring Break Family Fun at St. Patrick’s County Park**

Enjoy an afternoon of self-guided outdoor activities before the kids head back to school. Canoe, kayak, fish, play disc golf, and explore the trails. Weather permitting. No registration required. Learn more here.

- Dates: April 5-7
- Time: 12:00-4:00 p.m.
- Location: Brown Barn, St. Patrick’s County Park (map)
For more information about Academic iNDEX and how to use it, click here.

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National Postdoctoral Association (NPA)

The NPA is a member-driven organization that provides a unique, national voice for postdoctoral scholars. Since 2003, they have taken on the ambitious agenda to enhance the quality of the postdoctoral experience in the US. They have assumed a leadership role in addressing the many issues confronting the postdoctoral community that are national in scope and requiring action beyond the local level.

- The University of Notre Dame is a sustaining member of the NPA.
- ND Postdocs can join the NPA for free.
- Learn about the benefits of a NPA membership here.

For more information about the NPA and to become a member, click here.

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Versatile PhD - Humanities & Social Sciences

- Discover interesting career paths as an alternative to the faculty track
- Join a large community of post-academics to consult about your situation and the versatility of your PhD, MA, or postdoctoral appointment
- Read job listings appropriate for postdocs
- Network with successful post-academic PhDs nationwide

For more information about Versatile PhD and how to use it, click here.

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Spotlight Jobs of the Week

Helping Students in Distress: Tips for Faculty and TAs

As a teacher, students view you as a source of instruction, assistance, and sometimes personal support. In your conversations with students, some will naturally share their successes and academic pressures, and a few will disclose their own personal stories. Other students won’t intentionally share their problems with you, but you may notice indirectly expressed signs of personal problems. Even if you are uncomfortable with this role, you become a potential resource in times of trouble. Presented by University Counseling Center (UCC).

- Date: Monday, April 10, 2017
- Time: 10:30-11:45 a.m.
- Location: ND Room, 202 LaFortune Student Center
- Register here

For more information on this and other events, please click here.

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The Harper Cancer Research Institute’s 6th Annual Research Day

Monday, April 10, 2017

- 9:00am - 1:00pm Poster Session - Morris Inn, Ballroom
- 1:15pm - 3:15pm Trainee presentations - Morris Inn, Formal Dining Rooms
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm Career Panel - Morris Inn, Ballroom
- 4:30pm - 6:00pm Keynote: by Dr. Otis Brawley, Chief Medical Officer of the American Cancer Society "The Evolution of the Cancer Control Movement" Followed by the awards - Morris Inn, Ballroom

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EAP Workshop: Conferences and Networking

Conferences are often fun, motivating events that will push your research forward and allow you to interact with other researchers in your field. But just as often, conferences cause anxiety, because we are all told of the importance of using them to “network” but find the process of doing that intimidating or mystifying. This workshop will decode the conference as an event, discuss what networking means, and provide you with strategies to successfully utilize
Engineering

- Assistant Professor, Aerospace Engineering - University of Buffalo
- Computer Scientist - Raytheon

Humanities

- Assistant Professor, English
- Assistant Dean - UNC Chapel Hill

Business

- Associate Professor, Economics - Kent State University
- Assistant Professor of Marketing, Local/Regional Food Systems

Science

- Assistant/Associate Professor, Biomedical Informatics - UPenn
- Senior Data Scientist

Social Science

- Assistant Professor, Psychology
- Faculty Position Psychology

Positive Productivity Points

Is Your Cell Phone Killing Your Productivity At Work?

From Forbes

GPS for Mind, Body & Soul

Notre Dame International: Global Cafe

All students and postdocs are invited to Global Café, a gathering for conversation, FREE coffee/tea, cookies and great company.

- Date: Tuesday, April 18
- Time: 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- Location: Remick Commons

Click here for more information.

Rebuilding Together with Postdoc Women

Notre Dame postdoc women's committee is presenting this opportunity to volunteer in South Bend area. Rebuilding Together will direct volunteers to a house, provide all tools and supplies needed. No particular home repair skills are required. Make sure to dress properly. Click here to RSVP (required). Contact cchiu2@nd.edu for more information.

- Date: Tuesday, April 22
- Time: 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Location: McKenna Hall

Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Fellow College of Science - Joint Annual Meeting 2017

The inaugural College of Science - Joint Annual Meeting (COS-JAM) for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows will take place in Jordan Hall on Thursday, May 4, 2017. This will occur in conjunction with the Office for Postdoctoral Scholars, Graduate Career Services, and the Office of Grants and Fellowships, who will have representatives available to offer development counseling, CV advice, and information about research funding opportunities.
A Positive Outlook May Be Good for Your Health

From The New York Times

Professional Development

Workshops from the Writing Center

Use Writing to Teach Critical Thinking

Want to transform your students into active learners, engage them in solving disciplinary problems, and foster their critical thinking? Research shows that one of the best ways to achieve these goals is to integrate writing assignments into your classes. The University Writing Center is pleased to offer consultations with instructors who want help designing and integrating writing assignments. We welcome instructors from every discipline, especially STEM subjects. Email writing@nd.edu with the subject “Teaching Consultation” to set up a meeting!

Workshops from the Kaneb Center

Are you interested in learning more about discipline-specific teaching and learning in the university setting? The university offers workshops on university teaching and learning in various fields through the Kaneb Center! Consider enrolling in one of the workshops.

For workshop descriptions, click here.

The intent of the Graduate and Post-Doc COS-JAM is to highlight the achievements of graduate and postdoctoral research, foster interdisciplinary collaborations, and provide mentoring about integrative careers in science. All graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in the College of Science are invited to participate in Graduate and Post-Doc COS-JAM by sharing their original research with faculty and students, in either an oral or poster format. Please indicate if you have a preference for a given format following your abstract. Research may have been conducted on or off campus, and mentored by faculty from the University of Notre Dame and/or at other universities and colleges.

Please discuss the content of the abstract with your PI prior to submission. Approval by the PI will be needed before an abstract is accepted for presentation at Graduate and Post-Doc COS-JAM.

To participate, please submit abstracts of 300 words or fewer by Friday, April 14, 2017 here.

Please direct any questions to Prof. Matt Ravosa, (College of Science, Biological Sciences).

Funding Opportunities

For professional assistance in applying for competitive external funding opportunities, email Notre Dame’s Office of Grants and Fellowships.

2017 Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships in Austria

The Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) is offering Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships for the year 2017. Applicants of all nationalities are eligible to apply for these fellowships.

The goal of the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers, wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility.

The Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) is an independent, non-profit research institute in the heart of Vienna (Austria). It brings together high-level expertise from economists, sociologists, and political scientists to address fundamental economic and social problems and policy choices.

Applicants will get Living allowance around EUR 4,870 per month, Mobility allowance around EUR 600 per month, Family allowance around EUR 500 per month.

The deadline to apply for a Marie Sklodowska-Curie Fellowship is April 11, 2017.

For more information, click here.
Workshops from the NCFDD

The National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity is an independent professional development, training and mentoring community of over 71,000 graduate students, postdocs, and faculty members. The NCFDD is 100% dedicated to supporting academics in making successful transitions throughout their careers. They offer on-campus workshops, professional development training, and intensive mentoring programs.

The University of Notre Dame is an institutional member of the NCFDD. Through Notre Dame’s membership, ND Postdocs may claim an Institutional Sub-account Membership at no cost and enjoy all the benefits of a NCFDD Individual Membership. Register here to join NCFDD.

For a list of NCFDD 2017 webinars, click here.

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Hesburgh Libraries Workshops

The Hesburgh Libraries and Center for Digital Scholarship workshops are offered to all ND Postdocs.

Hesburgh Libraries Workshops

- Register: http://library.nd.edu/about/workshops.shtml
- Click here for this week’s list of workshops.

Most of the CDS workshops take place in the CDS Classroom (Room 129), Hesburgh Library 1st Floor Northeast.

Dissertation Day Camp

- Saturday, April 8, 2017
- Hesburgh Library, 2nd Floor Reading Room
- 9:30AM - 4:30PM

CDS Workshop Information and Registration: library.nd.edu/cds/workshops

Library Workshop Calendar: nd.libcal.com/calendar/allworkshops

Questions? cds@nd.edu

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Cornell-Funded Data Science Fellowship

The Data Incubator is a Cornell-funded data science training organization. We run a free advanced 8-week fellowship (think data science bootcamp) for PhDs looking to enter industry. A variety of innovative companies partner with The Data Incubator for their hiring and training needs, including LinkedIn, Genentech, Capital One, Pfizer, and many others. The program is free for admitted Fellows.

Fellows have the option to participate in the program either in person in New York, San Francisco Bay Area, Seattle, Boston, Washington DC, or online.

Dates: All sections will be from 6/19/2017 to 8/11/2017.

To request an application, click here.

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Eppendorf & Science Prize for Neurobiology

The international Eppendorf & Science Prize for Neurobiology is awarded annually to one young scientist for the most outstanding neurobiological research based on methods of molecular and cell biology conducted by him/her during the past three years. The Prize is intended to encourage and support the work of promising young neurobiologists who are not older than 35 years.

The Prize money: $25,000

Deadline: June 15, 2017

Click here for more information.

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2018-19 Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar Awards
The Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures’ English for Academic Purposes program offers workshops that are open to all ND Postdocs and their spouses. The center helps postdocs & their spouses develop their writing, conversational, and speaking skills.

Visit the center’s website for more information on tutoring and consultations and workshop registration. Questions? Contact Lisa Joy Oglesbee.
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