Postdoc News

Farewell
February 20, 2018, I posted the first postdoc newsletter and now my secondment has come to a close. Thank you for making this such an enriching experience. I will bring this new perspective back to the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research.

As I have a few events still forthcoming, I look forward to seeing you at the launch of the Leadership Series May 24 and the Postdoc PD Day June 12. See you on Facebook!

Renee Polziehn

Career Action Series: Worthwhile Informational Interviews
An informational interview can give you many insights into what a company is looking for, the work environment, types of work, career path to get there, and more.
Date: May 8, 2019
Time: 12:05 - 12:55 (over lunch)
Place: SUB 2-100 Career Centre

Your Future 12:05-12:50 pm
Learn about career outcomes of former UofA postdocs and how to build your success now. ETLC 2-240

Boost Your Potential 1:00-2:00
Connect with UofA service providers to gain skills, access resources, and build your CV. ETLC 2-240

Working as an International PDF 2:00-3:00 pm
HR specialists will lead you through work permits, Permanent Residence, and more. ETLC 2-240

Please RSVP
PDFA Travel Awards  
April 15 to May 3

The Postdoctoral Fellows Association is organizing its biannual Travel Award Competition. The travel award provides financial support for postdoctoral fellows to attend research conferences at the domestic and international level. Our goal is to promote the high calibre of research that is conducted by postdoctoral fellows at the University of Alberta.

Festival of Teaching - May 2

Enhance your teaching - learn what other people are doing in their classes. Features a full day of presentations, workshops, and networking sessions. Keynote Lecture will be "Creating a Safe Critical Learning Environment: Sharing Best Practices" by Dr. Jeanette Norden, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

Teaching Bootcamp - May 14

Workshop will help you develop your teaching philosophy and teaching dossier, documents important to any academic job application.

IDP

Looking for a resource to map out your career and research goals? Looking for a document to generate a performance report from your supervisor? This Individual Development Plan may be for you. Please RSVP.

May 16 from noon-1:00 in SAB 3-07
May 24 - New Leadership Series for PhDs

After completing a graduate degree, your next job will likely ask for experience in leadership, management, and supervision. Can you develop some of these skills now? Dr. Richard Field of the Alberta School of Business will examine the differences between the three organizational roles of Leader, Manager, and Supervisor.

RSVP

Dr Richard Field has been publishing in the area of management and leadership for 30 years. He teaches in the MBA program on Leadership Skills, Business Ethics, and Managing Human Resources as well as does workshops for the Peter Lougheed Leadership College. He is the recipient of several teaching awards including the Donald and Margaret MacKenzie Distinguished Teaching Award. Dr Field is also a recipient of the McCalla Professorship, recognizing significant contributions to the integration of teaching and research, and educational leadership.

Summary of the Postdoctoral Fellows Advisory Meeting (February 2019)

Recommendations to VP Research resulting from consultation with postdocs:
1. Develop documentation to clarify the roles and responsibilities of a PDF
2. Encourage use of an Individual Development Plan tool for PDFs
3. Explore with faculty members support for supervision of PDFs
4. Develop a supervisor policy for postdoctoral fellows
5. Develop governance that includes postdoctoral fellows
6. Clearly identify positions within faculties whose role can provide conflict resolution/mediation for PDFs
7. Develop a role for someone to oversee, coordinate, and create professional development and supervisory support for PDFs
8. Continue to educate the community about the role of postdoctoral fellows on campus and encourage service providers/departments/faculties to be more inclusive in their language
9. Continue to provide and develop supports such as an orientation and wellness sessions for postdoctoral fellows to enhance their experience and productivity on campus
10. Continue to support activities that bridge postdocs with their immediate and wider community

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