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**Career/Professional Development Events:**

- **Columbia University Science Honors Program Teaching Opportunities Info Sessions**

Professor Jeremy Dodd, the Director of the Columbia University Science Honors Program (SHP), will offer info sessions on both the Morningside and Medical Campuses to introduce postdocs to SHP and the teaching opportunities that SHP offers for Columbia University postdocs.

The Columbia University Science Honors Program (SHP) is a highly selective program for high school students who have a strong interest in the sciences and mathematics. The SHP holds classes at Columbia from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on Saturdays throughout the academic year. Courses are primarily in the physical, chemical, biological, behavioral, and computing sciences; and instructors are scientists and mathematicians who are actively engaged in research at the University. For more information about SHP and the types of courses that SHP offers please visit: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/shp/>

**CUMC:**

Date: Monday, November 17th  
Time: 10-11 AM  
Location: P&S Building, room 16-405

- **Introduction to Funding and Grantsmanship for Postdoctoral Researchers**

Leading a research team as a faculty member in Academia requires the ability to successfully write grants and continually receive research funding. It follows then that being able to demonstrate excellence in grant writing as a postdoc would better position one to land a research faculty position in Academia. Postdocs can gain this grant writing experience through applying for and being awarded a postdoctoral fellowship. The first step in this process is learning what funding opportunities exist for postdocs and what a competitive fellowship would entail.

Jaime S. Rubin, Ph.D., the Senior Assistant Dean and Assistant Vice President for Research Administration at the College of Physicians and Surgeons and Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology, will lead this highly

informative seminar on funding mechanisms and grantsmanship for postdoctoral researchers. The seminar will cover the different types of postdoctoral fellowships, fellowship scoring and review criteria, components of a fellowship application as well as approaches for a competitive application.

Date: Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 12:00-1:30 PM – Lunch will be provided  
Location: (CUMC) Russ Berrie Building, Room 2  
Registration: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=75117>

- **Career Counseling Small Group Workshop - *The Extraordinary Interview***

Very often the recipe for a successful interview is a combination of practice, preparation, and confidence; it is about knowing what to expect while being prepared for the unexpected. This workshop will focus on: 1) how to practice and prepare for interviews; 2) different types of interviews, both academic and beyond, and different styles of interviewing; 3) sample questions and effective responses; 4) appropriate behavior, dress, and follow-up etiquette. Attendees will have opportunity to practice responses to several key questions and to ask questions about areas of concern. This workshop is limited to 20 participants and registration is required as space is very limited.

Date: Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 12-1 PM  
Location: (CUMC) Hammer Building, room 305  
Registration: <https://calendar.columbia.edu/sundial/webapi/register.php?eventID=75057>

- **Fall Career Counseling Sessions**

Did you know that the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs offers one-on-one career counseling to postdocs? These individualized sessions are intended for you to discuss career-related topics such as career exploration strategies and how to initiate a job search inside or outside of Academia. Alternatively one could utilize this session to receive feedback on their CV, resume, and/or cover letter, or participate in a mock interview.

Fall Career Counseling Hours: Mondays, 11am-2pm and Wednesdays, 1:30pm-3:30pm. Please see <http://postdocs.columbia.edu/careerdevelopment.html> for instructions on how to sign up for a career counseling session.

November career counseling sessions are currently available for sign up by all postdocs.

December career counseling sessions will be available for sign up first by the attendees of the November 14<sup>th</sup> workshop, *The Extraordinary Interview* (see workshop info above). Additional December career counseling session sign up dates will be released later in November.

- **Postdoc Seminar Series**

A monthly seminar series given by Columbia University postdocs featuring:

**A “TED” style talk** - A 10-15 minute presentation designed for a broad audience. Lose the jargon and data rich slides and tell us the story of your research to convey its significance. This format is ideal for those on or soon to be on the job market.

**A traditional research seminar** – A 20-30 minute standard research seminar presentation. Set up the context of your research and then show us your experimental approach, data, and conclusions. We'll give you feedback and perhaps a perspective you had not thought of before.

To occur at noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month - free lunch provided. All postdocs are encouraged to attend and learn about the research projects being undertaken by their Columbia postdoc peers.

*\*campus location, Morningside or Medical Campus, will vary based on speakers for session.*

The next session will take place on November 18<sup>th</sup> on the CUMC campus. Further details about this next session will be sent out later this week.

Speaker nominations for the February 17<sup>th</sup> session as well as sessions in Spring 2015 are currently being accepted.

Send your self-nominations to [postdocaffairs@columbia.edu](mailto:postdocaffairs@columbia.edu) with the subject line "Postdoc Seminar Series Speaker Nomination". *Nominations should include speaker's choice of "TED" style talk or traditional research seminar as well as preference for session date and campus to hold session (Morningside or Medical Campus).*

- **Postdoc Council Member Recruitment:**

Are you interested in representing your fellow postdocs and gaining leadership experience? If so, you might be interested in joining one of the postdoctoral councils that have been established for the Morningside and Medical campuses. Each postdoctoral council meets once a month (often times with free lunch) with the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs to discuss, plan, and help carry out social and career development events. Postdoctoral council members also represent their postdoc communities and can relay any suggestions/feedback to the councils and the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs. As a token of appreciation for serving on the postdoctoral council, Postdoctoral council members receive an annual membership to the New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS). If you are interested in serving on one of the postdoctoral councils, please send me an email at [rf2531@columbia.edu](mailto:rf2531@columbia.edu).

### Social Events:

- **Postdoc Weekly Coffee/Tea Hour – Morningside**

These coffee/tea hours are a great way for you to meet other postdocs and hear about upcoming events. The coffee/tea hour is informal and you can stop by for as long as you would like.

Morningside

Date: Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 3:00PM – 4:00PM  
Location: Schapiro/CEPSR 1021 (10<sup>th</sup> Floor)

- **New Postdoc Orientation**

In an effort to acclimate new postdocs to Columbia University, we would like to offer a first look at the resources available at the university. Discussion includes a brief rundown of benefits and the services available to Postdocs University wide and through the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs. Postdoc orientation is bi-monthly and rotates between the Morningside Campus and the Medical Center campus. Our September orientation will be held at the

Morningside Campus. If you know a new postdoc here, please share this information with them, as they might not yet be on the postdoc mailing list.

CUMC

Date: Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 4:00pm—5:00pm (immediately following CUMC Postdoc Coffee Hour)  
Location: Hammer Building, room 310

Please RSVP with your name, UNI, and event title to [cupostdocs@gmail.com](mailto:cupostdocs@gmail.com)