Special Event Announcement

On Tuesday, March 18, the BRET Office of Career Development, along with the Graduate School, CBAS, and International Student Services, is hosting **ASPIRE to Connect**, an afternoon seminar about building professional relationships. Gain practical tips and learn techniques to meet new people and cultivate authentic professional connections.

Speakers for the two plenary sessions include Justin Graham and John English. Keynote Justin Graham, who will be kicking off the event, is a local consultant with c-3 Consulting. Additionally, John English, who will the last seminar of the day, is a national communications consultant and Vanderbilt Communications department senior faculty for over twenty-five years. Read more about these and other speakers on the **Speaker Bios page**.

The workshop concludes with a wine and cheese reception and a raffle drawing.

If you **register now** during **Early Registration**, you will receive an extra raffle ticket for the networking reception drawing! Gift cards, books, and other incentives will be given to winners.

To read even more about the workshop, including the **agenda** and **registration page**, please visit the ASPIRE to Connect site.
Other Announcements

On Monday, March 10, a representative from GenomOncology will speak here on campus about the company and possible opportunities for employment. Registration for the info session is requested.

Check out the next installment of the Beyond the Lab video series featuring Seth Ogden, Patent Attorney with Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett, and Dunner.

The next PhD Career Connections on Wednesday, March 12 will focus on the many career areas a PhD can pursue with their interest in writing.

The final PhD Career Connections of the academic year will be held on Thursday, April 10, and will feature Jason Clevenger, PhD, a technical consultant with Exponent.

The Scientist in the Classroom Partnership (SCP) program, sponsored by the Vanderbilt Center for Science Outreach, connects science teaching fellows with Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools teachers in K-12 classrooms.

Vanderbilt University may nominate two candidates for the 2014 “Lilly Innovation Fellowship Award” (LIFA) – a competitive post-doctoral fellowship award and training partnership program.

Have you signed up for the Careers in Medical Genetics - An Informational Session for Students at the ACMG Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 26?

The ASM HQ Fellowship Program provides an intense and multi-faceted training experience for those interested in exploring careers outside the traditional academic environment.

The Armenise-Harvard Foundation is calling for applications for the Career Development Award designed to foster young, newly independent researchers.

Duke University has a Master of Arts in Bioethics and Science Policy program.


The Office of Science and Technology Policy is currently accepting applications for its Summer 2014 Internship Program.

The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) and the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) are now accepting applications for the 2014 Genetics and Public Policy Fellowship and the new Genetics Education Fellowship.

The Public Service Fellows Program at the Partnership for Public Service is an opportunity for undergraduate students, graduate students and recent graduates to participate directly in transforming the way government works while developing valuable professional skills.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Liane B. Russell Early Career Fellowship: March 4
- Health Communications Internship Program, NCI: March 4
- 2014 “Lilly Innovation Fellowship Award” (LIFA): March 14
- ASM HQ Fellowship Program: April 1
- **SMART Postdoctoral Scholarship**: April 14
- **2014 Genetics and Public Policy Fellowship and the new Genetics Education Fellowship**: April 25
- **ASM Robert D. Watkins Graduate Research Fellowship**: May 1
- **ASM Kadner Institute Program**: May 15
- **Eppendorf & Science Prize for Neurobiology**: June 15
- **Proctor & Gamble FIRST conference**: June 30
- **Armenise-Harvard Foundation Career Development Award**: July 15

**BRET Events**

**Developing and Maintaining Effective Communication Skills in Research Environments**
(School of Medicine postdocs only)
March 4 and March 6
Led by BRET psychologist Mistie Germek, registration required.

**PhD Career Connections: Writing**
Wednesday, March 12
Featuring Elise Lamar, PhD; Stephen Ornes, and Bill Snyder.

**ASPIRE to Connect workshop**
Tuesday, March 18
Gain practical tips and learn techniques to meet new people and cultivate authentic professional connections.

**PhD Career Connections: Technical Consulting**
Thursday, April 10
Featuring Dr. Jason Clevenger, PhD, Principal Scientist, Exponent.

**2014 Postdoctoral Research and Shared Resources Symposium**
Tuesday, April 22
Keynote speaker: Pamela Hines, Senior Editor, Science

*Save the Date for May 30, 2014: BRET Career Symposium* "Exploring Avenues to Careers in Academia"

**Other Events**

**CIRTL Coffee Hour for Postdocs: Mentoring and Being Mentored** Monday, March 10

**Setting Expectations and Resolving Conflict in Graduate Education** Thursday, March 20

**How to Create a Plan for RCR Education for your NIH Fellowship or Career Development Award** Friday, March 21

**Careers in Medical Genetics - An Informational Session for Students at the ACMG Annual Meeting** Wednesday, March 26

**3MT (Three Minute Thesis) Competition** Friday, April 4

**CIRTL Coffee Hour for Postdocs: Networking** Monday, April 14
CIRTL Coffee Hour for Postdocs: The Voice of Experience  Monday, May 12

Spotlight

Our career development colleagues at the Georgia Tech Center for Career Discovery and Development have a great online resource on the "essential steps to conducting an informational interview." Their list is very informative, including how to locate contacts, the steps to make an appointment, examples of what to say during an initial contact, the actual questions in an informational interview, and tips on follow-up and assessing the experience.

Job Postings

If you would like to advertise an open job or postdoc position in the BRET Office of Career Development newsletter, please post the opportunity through our webform or contact Kate Stuart. We welcome submissions from faculty, alumni, postdocs, students, and the community.

Below is a digest of the available jobs that have been posted on the Career Development blog in the past few weeks. If you’re interested in being notified of job postings as we receive them, subscribe to the RSS feed on the blog.

- Postdoc, Mentored Experiences in Research, Instruction, and Teaching, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Postdoctoral Position, Developmental Neurobiology, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
- Multiple Faculty positions, Metabolomics, University of Florida
- Scientist, Bio-Rad
- APLU Congressional and Governmental Affairs Professional Staff
- Program Officer, Science and Research Policy, Infectious Diseases Society of America
- Science Policy Analyst, American Physiological Society
- Senior Research/Writer, Pricewater Cooper
- Program Manager, Global Healthy Living Foundation
- Program Director, Clinical and Translational Epidemiology Branch, NCI
- Director of Policy and Advocacy, the Society for Neuroscience