About the event

The Vanderbilt Postdoctoral Poster Symposium and Recruitment Day is a two-and-a-half-day event held at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The symposium introduces selected upper-level graduate students to postdoctoral opportunities at Vanderbilt. This year's symposium will be held March 7–10, 2010.

Prospective postdoctoral candidates will present their graduate research alongside current postdocs at Vanderbilt’s Annual Postdoctoral Research Symposium. Candidates will also participate in the symposium poster session, attend the keynote address by an internationally renowned scientist, and network with faculty and current postdoctoral fellows at the symposium reception. In addition, prospective fellows will tour Vanderbilt and interview with faculty.

Travel expenses, accommodations, meals, and entertainment are fully sponsored by Vanderbilt for graduate students who are accepted to attend.

Eligibility and application procedures

To be eligible for the Vanderbilt Postdoctoral Poster Symposium and Recruitment Day, graduate students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, complete their Ph.D. dissertation research between January 2010 and May 2011, and be nominated by their dissertation adviser, department chair, or dean before January 5, 2010. Nominations may be submitted to http://medschool.mc.vanderbilt.edu/postdoc/nomination.php.

Nominated graduate students will apply online and will include, as attachments, a CV/or biosketch, a brief statement of research interests, and names of any particular Vanderbilt faculty members with whom they would be interested in working. View a current list of faculty at https://medschool.mc.vanderbilt.edu/facultydata/php_files/part_dept/biomed_search.php.

The nomination/application deadline is January 5, 2010. Nominations will be reviewed by our faculty committee, and notification of acceptance will be sent via email to both student and nominator no later than February 1, 2010.

For more information

Visit the Vanderbilt Postdoctoral Poster Symposium and Recruitment Day Web site at http://bret.mc.vanderbilt.edu/postdoc/recruiting to learn more about this unique opportunity to present your research and interview at Vanderbilt University.
About Vanderbilt

Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) is a leader in medical education, research, and patient care. In recent years, the VUMC research enterprise has experienced extraordinary growth. Support from competitive research grants from all external sources topped $389 million last year, and in terms of NIH funding alone, Vanderbilt was in the top 10 most highly funded academic medical centers in the country. The School of Medicine claims two Nobel Laureates: Earl W. Sutherland Jr., in 1971, for his discovery of cyclic AMP; and Stanley Cohen, in 1986, for his co-discovery of EGF. Vanderbilt scientists have access to a wealth of centralized, shared core facilities that support a range of other activities, from genetic and genomic research, protein biochemistry and proteomics, to imaging. VUMC has heavily invested in its cores to offer the latest research technology and expertise to investigators across the institution.

Postdoctoral training at Vanderbilt

More than 500 postdoctoral fellows conduct biomedical research in seven basic science departments and 20 clinical divisions at VUMC. The collaborative nature of research at VUMC sets it apart from other major academic medical centers. As a result, our postdoctoral fellows are broadly trained scientists who are accustomed to teamwork and cross-disciplinary research. Vanderbilt postdocs gain more than a broad foundation in scientific principles and techniques—they also develop solid analytical, critical thinking, and written and oral communication skills.

Vanderbilt recognizes the importance of good mentoring and professional development for postdoctoral fellows. In 1999, the School of Medicine created the Office of Biomedical Research Education and Training (BRET), which supports postdoctoral training at Vanderbilt through the BRET Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, BRET Office of Career Development, and BRET Psychological Services. These central postdoc services work closely with Vanderbilt’s Postdoctoral Association to provide ongoing professional development activities and opportunities for postdocs.

Upon completion of their training at VUMC, our postdocs have pursued careers in academia, government, nonprofits, and the private sector. Our alumni are employed as scientists at academic institutions, government laboratories, and pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies around the world. In addition, our alumni pursue careers in diverse fields such as science writing, clinical research management, regulatory affairs, business development, science policy, consulting, and patent law.

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AIDS Center
Brain Institute
Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society
Center for Bone Biology
Center for Clinical Toxicology
Center for Human Genetics Research
Institute of Chemical Biology
Institute of Imaging Science
Center for Matrix Biology
Center for Molecular Neuroscience
Center for Molecular Toxicology
Center for Pharmacology and Drug Toxicology
Center for Stem Cell Biology
Center for Structural Biology
Developmental Biology
Diabetes Research and Training Center
Digestive Disease Research Center
Mass Spectrometry Research Center
Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center