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Make sure to check out the Graduate School’s professional development event calendar, which has a comprehensive list of all professional development events around campus for grad students and postdocs. You can find the schedule at: http://grad.wisc.edu/events

*New Updates: Spring/Summer Thesis Defenses, Commencement, and Funding Opportunities!

*Planning for Spring/Summer Thesis Defense
Students, if you are planning to defend your thesis this spring or summer, please get in touch with the CMB Office to get the process of requesting your PhD warrant started. Warrants must be requested from the Graduate School at least three weeks before your defense. In order to request your PhD warrant, the CMB Office will need to know the date and title of your dissertation. More information on the thesis defense process can be found here: http://www.cmb.wisc.edu/thesis_defense.

*2018 Spring Commencement Ceremonies
Recently graduated or planning on graduating soon? The deadline to have your name appear in the commencement program is Wednesday, April 4. In order to have your name appear in the program, you must complete the “Apply to Graduate” process in your MyUW Student Center (see https://registrar.wisc.edu/apply_to_graduate.htm). Please see www.commencement.wisc.edu for more information about participating in Commencement.

Doctoral degree candidates ceremony: Friday, May 11, 5:30pm at the Kohl Center
Master’s degree candidates ceremony: Saturday, May 12, noon at Camp Randall Stadium

*Mellon-Wisconsin Dissertation Writing Camps - Applications DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 9!
The UW-Madison Writing Center and the UW-Madison Graduate School are pleased to sponsor two Mellon-Wisconsin Dissertation Writing Camps during May 2018. Acceptance in the program is competitive, and participation is limited to 20 dissertators per camp. To learn more and to view application materials, please
Announcing the 14th Annual Signal Transduction Research Training Symposium hosted by the Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology (MCP) Graduate Training Program! This event will take place Monday, April 23, 2018 from 8:00am to 5:00pm in the Discovery Building, H.F. DeLuca Forum. The Karl Beyer Lecture Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Tom Rapoport, Harvard Medical School and HHMI: Title TBA (12:00pm-1:00pm). Submit your abstract by Friday, March 9 for consideration for oral and poster presentations!

Monetary awards will be given to the three best posters and best oral presentation! All interested graduate students, post-docs, and scientists are encouraged to submit an abstract for the poster presentation. Talks will be selected from submitted abstracts. The event will also feature a career panel, poster session, selected talks, light breakfast, lunch, and refreshments for all registered attendees. For questions about the event, please contact Kristin Cooper, MCP Program Coordinator: kmcooper@wisc.edu.

*SURF Program Mentors Wanted - DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 9!
The WiSCR Board is excited to announce that they have secured funding for the continuation of the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program this summer! The goal of this program is to get talented and interested undergraduate students at UW-Madison involved in stem cell research. WiSCR is seeking graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to mentor an undergraduate for 12 weeks this coming summer and participate in program activities. This will be a great chance to screen and pick a highly motivated candidate you would like to mentor through the interview and application process. Additional information about the program and how to apply can be found here. The due date is March 9, 2018. If you have any questions about the program or the application, please email uwstemcellroundtable@gmail.com.

*UW SDRC Pilot Funding Program - Due Monday, April 2
The UW Skin Diseases Research Center (UW SDRC) is accepting applications through the Pilot Funding program. This program funds cutting edge projects involving cutaneous biology and skin-related diseases. PI must be UW Faculty of UW Scientist. Residents, fellows and post-doctoral associates are NOT eligible to serve as PIs, may be co-investigators. If funded, PI must become a member of UW SDRC before the study can be initiated. Further details can be found at https://dermatology.wisc.edu/sdrc/sdrc-pilots/. Deadline for submission is Monday, April 2 at 4:00pm CST.

Epigenomics at Van Andel Research Institute - Application Now Open!
Taught by internationally recognized epigenomics experts, the third annual Epigenomics at VARI workshop gives gifted graduate students an intense overview of the latest innovative methodology and its application across several fields including cancer and neurodegenerative disease research. Richard Young, PhD, and member or the Whitehead Institute and MIT will give the Keynote Address: “Genome structure in gene control in health and disease.” To apply, please click here. For application instructions, please click here. Applications will be accepted March 1 - May 1, 2018. Full scholarships including travel available up to 15 students. Contact Aubrie Bruinsma at Aubrie.bruinsma@vai.org for questions.

Creating an Individual Development Plan (IDP) - Monday, March 12
Learn how to define achievable goals, identify resources, and develop strategies for implementing and sustaining your plans - and leave this session with ideas and a written plan already started. Register here.
Exploring Global Careers for Social Good - Tuesday, March 20
Panelists with years of experience in their disciplines will share their advice for exploring careers in international development and finding a job that is engaging, collaborative, globally-oriented, and promotes social good. Register and learn about the panelists here: https://go.wisc.edu/y8um44.

9th Annual Perlman Symposium - Friday, April 27
The Perlman Symposium on Antibiotic Discovery and Development is held annually in memory of David Perlman, PhD, a Madison native and microbial biochemist who made several discoveries linked to antibiotics and vitamin B-12 and later served as the Dean of the UW-Madison School of Pharmacy (’68-’75). This year’s symposium will host five talks from experts involved in antibiotic discovery and/or development. There is no fee to register for this event; however, participant registration online is required to submit abstracts, select a lunch option, and other. The deadline to register is Sunday, April 1, 2018. The online registration form can be found here. Questions regarding registration or abstract submission should be directed to Allison Bauer via email at Allison.bauer@wisc.edu or by calling (608) 890-2101.

Straka Fellowship Competition - Now Open
The Straka Fellowship competition is administered by the Graduate School and supports dissertators pursuing a course of studying one of the fields of engineering, physical or biological sciences, mathematics or economics (concentrating on the advantages of the free-enterprise profit system). Applicants will also need to be able to demonstrate how they qualify as “gifted” and how they are representative of at middle-class, middle-income group. This is a 12-month fellowship. Students can apply directly for this fellowship by going to Scholarships@UW-Madison. The competition will open February 21st and run through March 19th, 2018.

General Pathology Course for Graduate Students - Fall 2018
“Pathology: The medical science, and specialty practice that deals with ALL aspects of disease, but with special reference to the essential nature, the causes, and development of abnormal conditions, as well as the structural and functional changes that result from the disease processes.” Sign up now for Path-Bio 675, Lec-004 (61477) General Pathology for Biomedical Scientists, TR 1:20-2:35, 3 credits, graduate standing required. Starting September 6th, 2018. Contact eric.sandgren@wisc.edu for more information.

SRGC Research Travel Awards and Conference Presentation Funds Awards
There are funds available for Research and Conference related travel (only available to dissertators). Funding levels for approved conference travel are: $300, $600, $1,200. Funding levels for approved research travel are: $300, $600, $1,200, $1,500. For more information, please see: https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/grants-competition/.

Graduate School Workshop: Last Steps to Completing the PhD - Thursday, April 5
As you progress toward finishing your dissertation, learn about the Graduate School’s requirements for completing your PhD and depositing your dissertation. We will offer a brief intro to the electronic process for submitting your dissertation, and present information to help you make decisions about your thesis.
publishing options. This workshop is intended for PhD candidates preparing to graduate anytime in 2018. Registration is required, as space is limited to 40 attendees. The workshop will take place Thursday, April 5 from 1-2:30pm in 260 Bascom Hall. Register here: [http://go.wisc.edu/wl757p](http://go.wisc.edu/wl757p).

### Life Sciences Careers Day (LSCD) - Friday, April 13

The 2018 LSCD will be held Friday, April 13th this year in the Biochemical Sciences Building (BSB). The LSCD gives students and post-docs an opportunity to hear about different STEM careers and network with professionals in these fields. CMB students are involved in organizing and presenting at the event. There are a multitude of career opportunities for STEM trainees. The LSCD hosts STEM professionals to discuss their career paths in short talks and to share their insight and advice in breakout sessions. How do you start a company? What career opportunities are available in academia beyond running a research lab? Come to a LSCD event to ask questions, get answers, and network! Refreshments provided. Please see [the registration website](http://go.wisc.edu/wl757p) for more information and to register.

### Postdoc Opportunity - Asnani Lab, Boston, MA

A position for a highly motivated postdoctoral fellow is available in the laboratory of Dr. Aarti Asnani, MD at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, a major teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School. The main focus of Dr. Asnani’s lab is to understand mechanisms of cardiovascular toxicity associated with commonly used cancer therapies, with the goal of developing new therapies to target these mechanisms. Zebrafish and mouse models of cardiotoxicity are used to identify candidate pathways for cardioprotection, with subsequent validation in human samples. Qualified candidates should have a doctoral degree and a strong background in molecular biology and/or biochemistry. Prior experience in transgenic techniques and the use of mouse models is highly desirable although not essential. The fellow is expected to have strong critical thinking skills and excellent technical skills. Interested candidates should send a CV, a one-page summary of research background and interests, and the names of three references to Dr. Asnani at aasnani@bidmc.harvard.edu.