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For information and updates on the impact of COVID-19 on USC research:

RETURN TO CAMPUS PLAN FOUND HERE: Research.usc.edu/coronavirus
Site: Postdocs.usc.edu/covid-19-info

Work from Home Stipends

USC is implementing a COVID-19 technology stipend for postdocs who are working from home. It is to cover a reasonable percentage of the cell phone, internet and other technology expenses that may be generated by working from home during the pandemic.

Please contact Dan Carino, Director of Postdoc Affairs, dcarino@usc.edu

Career Development

Postdoc Travel Awards application:

postdocs.usc.edu/scholars/career-development/travel-awards

The Postdoctoral Scholar Travel and Training Awards (up to $3,000) are designed to enable postdocs to attend workshops and conferences or to learn new techniques or perform research at off-site locations or in other labs, experiences which would enhance their training but which cannot be funded through their mentor’s grant.

Deadline: May 22, 2020

Mentor Training Opportunity for Postdocs

Mentor training is available through a program offered online by University of Minnesota (https://www.ctsi.umn.edu/education-and-training/mentoring/mentor-training). We encourage you to complete the CTS 100 and CTS 101 modules (approximately 3 hours). If you work with undergraduates or anticipate doing so in the future, the CTS 102 should be added to your list.
Online Course Offerings

**QBI0401 – Introduction to Computational Analysis of Biological Data**

The Quantitative and Computational Biology (QCB) section is offering a 4-unit course (QBI0 401) titled Introduction to Computational Analysis of Biological Data. This course goes over six weeks starting May 20, 2020 and meets daily M-Th from 2:00pm-4:05pm. This project-based course is intended for students who are interested in computational biology. The course will integrate the biology, computer science, and statistics training in the QBI0 major.

This course is eligible for the Postdoc Tuition Remission program (https://postdocs.usc.edu/scholars/career-development/tuition-remission/).

**Postdocs and grad students welcome!** For more information, please contact: Dan Carino, dcarino@usc.edu

**Cellular, Molecular, and Computational Tools for Insights and Analysis for Stem Cell Research**

Summary: A discussion-based group that focuses on relevant topics to the research and interests of the center with an applied learning component (programming lab) so that individuals can broaden their understanding and knowledge of intellectual and applied aspects of work discussed.

Register at https://tinyurl.com/USCStemCell-journal-coding
Join Zoom Meeting at https://usc.zoom.us/j/913477250 (Meeting ID: 913 477 250; Password: 052629)

Health and Fitness

**Workout at Home:**

Coach Kevin Robinson is leading an at-home workout session with postdocs held twice-a-week over Zoom. This is a great live workout with minimal equipment needed! Workouts are every:

Tuesday and Friday at 1 pm until the end of the semester.

The class runs 40-50 minutes, but the actual workouts are 20-25 minutes. Please email Kevin (kevinrob@usc.edu) to join the workouts.
PostDoc Corner

Have any questions/requests you want to ask our postdoc community? Let us know at uscpda@usc.edu!

Assaf Beck (Postdoc from CHLA), Contact Email: abeck@chla.usc.edu

Assaf is looking to get in contact with a postdoc/grad student that for:

1) For a research in gene editing in our lab, we would like to consult with someone who has experience with transfection of iPSC/Organoids with CRISPR via electroporation - (what devices and techniques)

2) Looking for a postdoc/graduate student with experience in 3d-printing to collaborate on a project aiming to up scale retinal organoids production in our lab as part of the Stem Cells Challenge Grant 2020-2021. Applications for the grant due by June 26th.

Postdoc Association Council Election Callout

Would you like to take an active part in the PDA? Organize events and learn new skills?

The USC PDA is looking for new members for the 2020-2021 academic year. Please email uscpda@usc.edu and postdocs@usc.edu for more information!
Upcoming Event:
LAC+USC’s Schwartz Rounds on Wednesday, June 10 from 12 noon-1 PM for the second part of “Racism in Healthcare” (Zoom information will be added to the KSOM intranet)

Community Resources
• Street Medic Bridge Training – Do No Harm Coalition
• Know Your Rights as Protesters - ACLU

Supportive Resources at USC
• Center for Work and Family Life (CWFL)
  https://employees.usc.edu/work-family-life/
• Office of Campus Wellbeing & Education https://wellbeing.usc.edu/
• Office of Diversity and Inclusion; email: keckodi@usc.edu
• Chantal Young, PhD Director of Medical Student Wellness; email: chantal.young@med.usc.edu
• Tobi Fishel, PhD Residency Wellness Director; email: tfishel@usc.edu
• Tamara Chambers, MD Director of SAFE; email: tamara.chambers@med.usc.edu
• Kathleen Nelson, MD, Associate Dean for Leadership and Wellness; Kathleen.nelson@med.usc.edu

Reading & Other Resources
• The Four Bodies: A Holistic Toolkit for Coping with Racial Trauma
• 7 Virtual Mental Health Resources Supporting Black People Right Now
• 5 Ways to Show Up for Racial Justice Today - KQED
• The Role of Racism as a Core Patient Safety Issue – Institute for Healthcare Improvement
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Additional Resources for COVID-19 in Los Angeles and California

- How to stay safe and healthy
- Directives and mandates
- Testing

California Department of Public Health
covid19.ca.gov

Los Angeles County Public Health
publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus

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