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RESEARCH RAMP-UP: USC research under COVID-19 is now in Phase 2 (2A3, for 30% occupancy/density); campus access is open to all researchers who cannot do research remotely, as long as they school-approved PI/lab/group-level plans and their schools have University-approved school-level plans. For details, see our Research Ramp-Up website: https://research.usc.edu/covid19-rampup/ A University-wide Phase 3 plan is under final development and expected soon.

RESEARCH INTEGRITY: The COVID-19 pandemic is raising new and challenging ethical issues for researchers. If you have questions regarding research or clinical ethics or bioethics, please contact the USC Office of Research Integrity.


End-of-Summer Forums: We plan to hold two all-inclusive researcher forums in late August, one on “Navigating Research at USC” (broad topics, open to all and necessary for new faculty), and “USC Research Under COVID-19" (focused on special practices and policies under COVID-19, open to all). More information will follow next month.

You can view the full Office of Research Monthly Update for June here.

Need additional info on Project Restart planning guidelines, health alerts, required training, and procedures for returning to campus, workplace guidance, and PPE? Please visit USC Environmental Health and Safety Resource Site.
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

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.

Training Workshops & Mentoring:

Proposals are being accepted through July 24 for the Center of Excellence in Research (CER) workshops for Fall 2020; we’d love to hear from you. All workshops are held via Zoom. In July, they include Advancing Research Integrity in Research Labs and an SBIR NIH Grants webinar. Please register here. (https://research.usc.edu/training/#cer)
Career Development

**Insight Fellows Program**

The Insight Fellows Program is a seven-week professional training fellowship for graduating students and working professionals looking to transition to thriving careers as data scientists, engineers, and other cutting-edge professionals. Insight takes a unique approach, working closely with partner companies to match Fellows with the hiring teams that represent the best fit for their skills and experience.

We’re now accepting applications from graduating students (must have completed all coursework by September 14th in order to participate full time) for our fall sessions.

Apply to our fully-remote fall session by **July 20**; Sessions begin **September 14**: [https://apply.insightdatascience.com](https://apply.insightdatascience.com)

**Postdoctoral Networking Tour in Artificial Intelligence**

The Postdoc-NeT-AI offers you the opportunity to participate in one week of on-site visits to leading universities, research institutes and companies; including in depth discussions and networking opportunities.

Apply now to this year's tour until **16 August 2020** (midnight CET).

For more information on the project and application please visit us at daad.de/ainet.

If you have any questions, please contact us at ainet@daad.de.
Online Course Offerings

QBio401 – Introduction to Computational Analysis of Biological Data

The Quantitative and Computational Biology (QCB) section is offering a 4-unit course (QBio 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 QBIO 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.
**Q&A Session for Postdocs**

The Keck Postdoctoral Advisory Committee (KPAC) and the USC Postdoctoral Association held a Q&A session with Joseph Elias (Director, Faculty/Staff Visa Services), Brett Wobbe (International Student and Scholar Advisor, Office of International Services), Dan Carino (Senior Manager for Postdoctoral Affairs, Office of the Provost), and Peggy Farnham (Vice Dean, Health and Biomedical Science Education) on July 2nd.

Transcripts of the Q&A, including answers to questions, are available on the USC PDA website (pda.usc.edu).

A recording of the Q&A session is available on Zoom (to access the recording you will be required to register for the webinar): [https://usc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8dodOkI2SceIW7L7DXeKiQ](https://usc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8dodOkI2SceIW7L7DXeKiQ)

**PostDoc Corner**

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

**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!