ASPIRE EVENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

**ASPIRE Job Search Series: Writing a Better Cover Letter**  
*Featuring Kate Stuart, Assistant Director, ASPIRE Program*  
Wednesday, October 30 • 2:00pm • Light Hall 407

**Module Deadline:** **ASPIRE Module: Clinical Laboratory Medicine, Spring 2020**  
Applications due: Friday, November 1

**ASPIRE Bistro for PhD Students: Applying for Fellowships & NRSAs**  
*Featuring Kim Petrie, PhD, Assistant Dean for Biomedical Career Development, ASPIRE Program*  
Wednesday, November 6 • 2:00pm • Light Hall 415

**PhD Career Stories: Seth Ogden, PhD and Mark Kilgore, PhD, Patterson Intellectual Property Law**  
Friday, November 8 • 10:00am • Light Hall 214 • [Registration requested](#)

**CV/Resume Drop-In Clinic**  
Wednesday • 12:30-1:30pm *(drop in anytime within the hour!)* • Light Hall 340

**The Writing Studio Drop-In Hours:** Fridays • 2:00-4:00pm • Light Hall 433

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget about this Friday's deadline for the **ASPIRE Module: Clinical Laboratory Medicine**.

Learn more about the informal **VU SciComm group** that has just been formed by current trainees and staff. The group is meant to be a
community for all scientists on campus (any discipline) who are interested in some form of science communication, including but not limited to science writing, medical writing, science journalism, institutional writing, technical writing, podcasting, etc.

The **Illumina Internship Program** is accepting applications for their US offices. [Let the ASPIRE Program know](#) if you need help applying!

The **Chateaubriand Fellowship** is a grant offered by the Embassy of France in the United States. It supports outstanding PhD students from American universities who wish to conduct research in France for a period ranging from 4 to 9 months.

### BEYOND THE LAB PODCAST

**Have you been listening to the **ASPIRE Program Beyond the Lab Podcast Series**?**

Download a new episode every Tuesday morning.

So far this season, we have featured:

- Travis Smith, PhD, Management Consulting
- Lindsay Marjoram, PhD, Technology Development
- Jami Scheib, PhD, Government Research Grants Administration
- Steven Damo, PhD, Historically Black College and University Faculty

We are on [Soundcloud](#), [iTunes](#), and our ASPIRE [website](#).

### UPCOMING BRET EVENTS

Want to add these to your Google Calendar? Click [here](#) or [here](#).

**CV/Resume Drop-In Clinic**

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**ASPIRE Cafe for Postdoctoral Fellows: How to Give a Chalk Talk**  
*Featuring Chris Wright, DPhil, Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology; Rebecca Ihrie, PhD, Assistant Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology; and Borden Lacy, PhD, Professor of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology*  
Wednesday, November 13
**ASPIRE Internships**

The ASPIRE Program is excited to offer ASPIRE Internships, which will be advertised on a rolling basis throughout the year. Currently open:

**Scientific Peer Review Management Intern**

**Doris Duke Charitable Foundation**

Deadline: December 6
For more information on eligibility requirements and how to apply, check our FAQs page.

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

Read more about our two PhD Career Stories speakers for November. Full blog post here.

MARK KILGORE, PHD
Associate,
Patterson Intellectual Property Law

What is the best part of your job?

Having a variety of science disciplines to understand and work with every month. I work on projects from polymer chemistry to mechanical engineering

Read more about Dr. Kilgore...
What is the best part of your job?

I’m competitive, so, in the end, winning is the best part. But the journey is just as rewarding as the destination. Patent law is one of the most nuanced, complicated areas to practice, except for probably some securities law and class action suits. You get handed a bunch of different pieces of information that all revolve in some way around a technological innovation. Then, you have to tell a story that convinces a judge or jury of your position by piecing all those bits of information together into something coherent and compelling. At each step along the way, a focus on audience and purpose is crucial. I also love crafting written arguments. It’s a tremendous asset to be passionate about writing, because that’s what takes up the majority of my time, and, in the end, it’s really what clients are paying me to do.
OTHER EVENTS

Women in the Academy Series: Establishing and Understanding Authority in the Classroom
Tuesday, October 29
12:00pm

The Academic Interview: What Do Search Committees Want?
Sponsored by the Graduate School
Tuesday, October 29
4:30-6:00pm

Corporate and Foundations Relations Seminar
Monday, November 4
12-1:00pm
Looking for funding but not having any luck with the governmental agencies? Come to this seminar to learn about the plethora of funding opportunities through Corporations and Foundations.

Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop
Wednesday, November 6
12:00-1:30pm

Bystander Intervention Training for PhD Trainees & Postdocs
Thursday, November 7
2:00-4:00pm
The Art of Negotiation
Sponsored by the Russell G. Hamilton Leadership Institute
Featuring Dean of the Law School Chris Guthrie
Tuesday, November 12
10:00-11:30am

Squids Across America Science Communication Tour
Sponsored by VU American Society for Microbiology Student Chapter
Wednesday, November 13
2:00-3:00pm

Uniting Diverse Communities Through Science
SACNAS Seminar Launch
Friday, November 22
1:00-5:00pm

Women in the Academy Series: Negotiating Your First Academic Job
Wednesday, December 4
12:00pm

DEADLINES

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AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships
Application Deadline: November 1

VECD Fogarty Global Health Fellowship
Application Deadline: November 1

NIH Loan Repayment Program
Application Deadline: November 15

Chateaubriand Fellowship
Deadline: January 7, 2020
Several current postdoc positions, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH

Curriculum Fellows Program, Program in Graduate Education, Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, MA

Postdoctoral Scientists, Rush Alzheimer’s Disease Center, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL

Postdoctoral Opportunity, Cancer Epigenetics at University of Miami, Miami, FL

Postdoctoral Researcher in science education, CSU East Bay, Hayward, CA

4 Postdoc-Level Positions in STEM Education, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

Science Communication Fellowship, The International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Laxenburg, Austria

Tenure Track Faculty Position, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Associate Director, Biosciences Student Life and Wellness, School of Medicine, Stanford, CA

Program Coordinator for Higher Education Initiatives, BROAD Institute, Cambridge, MA

Staff Scientist, Obesity and Diabetes Clinical Research Section, NIDDK, Phoenix, AZ

Climate Change Education Manager, Climate Generation Office, Minneapolis, MN

Associate Medical Writing Document Manager, Astellas, Northbrook, IL

Grant and Development Strategist, RNA Bioscience Initiative, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora, CO

Project Scientist, Blue Forest Conservation, San Francisco, CA

Project Policy Analyst 3 (7398U), Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley, CA

Manager of Impact Strategy, Science Friday Initiative, New York, NY
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