



BEST @ Cornell

Events for August 2017

Academic Job Search Series | starts 8-2-17 | 12:00PM-1:30PM

The Office of Postdoctoral Studies and CU-CIRTL will be offering an expanded series of sessions on the Academic Job Search Process. Most sessions are held on Wednesdays at noon, and will include practical advice and feedback on your application materials from both faculty and staff. The last topic in the series is titled, "How to Submit Grants at Cornell - A Primer for Postdocs." The session will be presented by Kim Holloway from Sponsored Projects; drinks (and cookies!) will be provided. Should you require additional sustenance, please pack a lunch.

Location: B51 Warren Hall

2017 Summer Success Symposium (S3) | 8-16-17 | 8:30AM-3:30PM

S3 is a one-day event for new and continuing M.S. and Ph.D. students across all graduate fields who identify as belonging to groups historically underrepresented in graduate education. This symposium provides participants with the opportunity to engage with successful Cornell Ph.D. alumni and faculty with shared experiences as diversity scholars. S3's keynote and workshop content will focus on providing participants with access to knowledge and insight that will help them navigate their graduate degree. REGISTER BY AUGUST 4. Hosted by OISE and supported by many partners across campus.

Location: G10 Biotechnology Building

BEST Professional Portrait Day | 8-17-17 | Times vary

Award Winning Portraitist Roger William These will again be on campus to take a professional headshot so you can look your BEST for your LinkedIn profile, and more. Preference given to BESTies. We will confirm your timeslot a few days before the event. Dress professionally and please be 10 minutes early to allow yourself to cool down and get ready. We will be working on a tight schedule. A few walk-ins can be accommodated for friends of the BEST Program on a first-come basis, so stop by.

Location: G01 Biotech

Opportunities Aren't Found, They're Made | 8-25-17 | 11:15 in 404 Plant Sciences

Prepare now for your career: this is an overview of the BEST Program for STEM grad students, postdocs and faculty who want to learn how to broaden experiences in scientific training. Make the most of your time at Cornell! See the [SIPS video collection](#).

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BEST on twitter and LinkedIn

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Want to have meaningful conversations with other BESTies? Join the "Cornell_BEST Program" group on LinkedIn by clicking on the icon at the lower right of this page, or the logo at the top right of the webpage www.BEST.cornell.edu.

ASAP: Advancing Science And Policy

Connect with ASAP via their website, list-serve (email to join), or Facebook. ASAP hosts many events and training sessions to help Cornell graduate students and postdocs learn how to use non-partisan language to defend the basic institution of unbiased science.

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BEST in Press: August 2017

RESEARCH ARTICLE

The "new normal": Adapting doctoral trainee career preparation for broad career paths in science

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This month we chose to highlight a paper by the NIH BEST program consortium published in PLOS ONE. Melkers et. al present a robust analysis of the effect of institutional career-search resources on doctoral trainees in STEM. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the authors found that institutional support for doctoral trainees seeking alternative career outcomes has a positive effect on those outcomes. Highlighting the importance of federal and institutional initiatives like the BEST program, the authors write that, "Given the importance of institutional support in our models, our results suggest a clear role for institutional solutions in addressing the needs and interests of trainees who do not want to pursue an academic or research-intensive career." Curiously, while the authors found that trainees' perceptions of institutional support significantly improved career search efficacy, trainees' perceptions of advisor support did not significantly impact career search efficacy. In short, the study by Melkers et. al reinforces the need for programs like BEST to ensure that doctoral trainees' are exposed to the full spectrum of potential career outcomes.

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