BEST @ Cornell

Events for June 2017

Building your C.V. to get ‘know’ticed | June 14, 1:00 – 2:00 PM
Regardless of your career goals, you’ll need relevant experience to list on your C.V. or resume in order to land that shiny first job after your Ph.D. or postdoc. Join our experts to learn about strategically gaining experience, the inner workings of the hiring process and how to apply this knowledge to a job search. This webinar is presented in collaboration with the NIH’s Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training program. Presenters will include our very own Susi Varvayanis, senior director of the Cornell BEST program; Alyn Kaufmann, Ph.D., Section Head, Personal Healthcare R&D, The Procter & Gamble Company; and finally, Audra Van Wart, Ph.D., Director of Education & Training, Virginia Tech.
Location: Webinar

CCMR 2017 Annual Symposium | June 16
Join Advanced Design Consulting, Dow, Corning, GE, Golden Artists, Pall Corporation, Sony, ThermoFisher, and more to learn about origamiS inspired techniques in materials science. This sureS toS be interesting event is open to all BEST program members. The conference will begin on Friday with breakfast at 8:00am.
Location: 120 Physical Sciences Building

Insight Fellowships | June 26 deadline
If you’re graduating by December, consider applying. Areas include AI, Data Engineering, Data Science, and Health Data Science.

Call for proposals: 2017 GCEC Conference | Due June 30th
A great opportunity for BESTies interested in industry careers. The date of the conference itself is October 12S 14, but be sure to submit your proposal by the June 30th deadline. The theme this year is “Catalyzing Deep Change in Regional Communities: Making a Dent in the Universe Together.” The 2017 Global Consortium of Entrepreneurship Centers (GCEC) conference will be a nexus for sharing—ideas, best practices and community building, to facilitate, activate, and jumpstart the entrepreneurial movement. While Entrepreneurship at Cornell will pay the conference registration fees, all other travel expenses are to be paid by the individual attendee.
Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Announcements | June 2017

BEST on twitter and LinkedIn
Step up your Twitter game! Follow and be followed by @Cornell_BEST. Want to have meaningful conversations with other BESTies? Join the "Cornell BEST Program” group on LinkedIn.

BESTie Elvis Cao’s poster wins cash prize at Biotechnology Symposium where he also serves as a panelist to discuss Science Communication & Public Understanding.
Chemist. inventor. entrepreneur Glenn Prestwich shares career advice
BESTie Jin Liang suggests ways to get your advisor to ‘yes’ for an internship

For June’s BESTie of the month, we are pleased to interview Mohammad Haft-Javaherian, a Ph.D. student in the Schaffer-Nishimura Lab in Weill Hall. Mohammad’s research focuses on the development of new tools to study multi-photon microscopy images using machine learning and network analysis in the context of brain vasculature and Alzheimer’s disease. Mohammad’s time with the BEST program has allowed him to explore “other possible career path [sic],” and to meet world-class alternative-career scientists from both the U.S. and abroad. One opportunity in particular that Mohammad had the good fortune to participate in is Binghamton University’s Lean Six Sigma Training, which trains participants in data and operational management. Mohammad speaks highly of the program—he writes that the program was “fascinating.” Mohammad advises his fellow BESTies to attend events that seem even remotely interesting, as they might serendipitously discover exciting new career paths. As for work:life balance, Mohammad’s views are clear: set realistic long term goals and develop a clear strategy for achieving them.

Member Spotlight: Mohammad Haft-Javaherian

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