

NOVEMBER 2012

the  
**IBA Newsletter**



**Hello All!**

Midterms are finally over and Thanksgiving is just around the corner! Hopefully everyone can enjoy a little mid-semester break from tests and papers, at least until finals week. Keep up the good work, and don't forget to give yourself a break every now and then. Self-care is essential!

-Meaghan

"When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hold on."  
Franklin D. Roosevelt

## What is included in the Newsletter?

This newsletter will include upcoming conference deadlines, social events, useful workshops, general information that could be pertinent to your field, program 'reminders,' and other relevant activities.

### Save the Date!

Thanksgiving  
Hosted by the  
Professors

**November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7**

Lori, Vincent, and I will be hosting a Thanksgiving get-together at Lori's. Bring your appetites!

Mock Interviews  
for Project  
HOPE

**November 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>  
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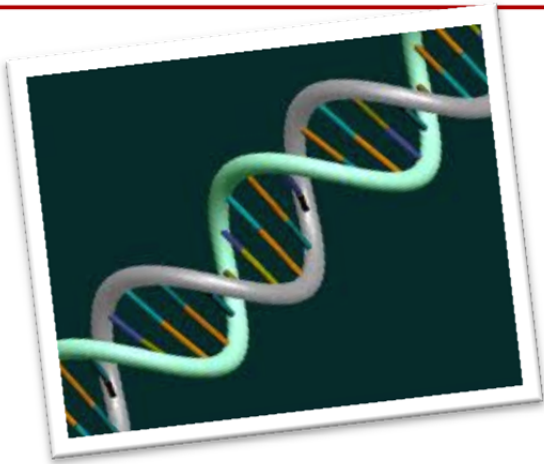
Volunteering at West Liberty to provide valuable experiences for their students

Free GRE practice  
test

**November 5<sup>th</sup> 7-11 pm**

Kaplan is offering another free GRE practice test.  
Register at:  
[www.kaptest.com](http://www.kaptest.com)





## U Michigan Tips on Applying to Graduate Programs in the Biosciences

Though some of these questions are specific to the UM, many of the answers are relevant to programs at other schools. Please click on the link below to see answers to the following questions about the application process:  
<http://www.med.umich.edu/pibs/prospective/app/faq.htm>

- What is the application deadline for PIBS?
- Can I get a fee waiver?
- How and where do I find PIBS faculty and research areas that are of interest to me?
- How do I apply to one or more of the programs/departments in PIBS?
- What if I change my mind about my program choices after I send in my application?
- What is the required GPA?
- What are the department and institution codes?
- What are the required GRE scores?
- Do I need to take the subject GRE?
- Do I need to take the TOEFL test?
- What is an official versus unofficial transcript?
- What should I include in my academic statement of purpose?
- What should I include in my personal statement?
- What should I include in my Resume/CV?
- From whom should I request letters of recommendation?
- How many students apply to PIBS each year?
- How many students are accepted to PIBS each year?
- How many international students are accepted to PIBS each year?
- How does Rackham Graduate School accommodate applications from students with disabilities?
- How will I know that my application has been received?
- When will I know my application has been reviewed?
- When are your interview weekends?
- When will I be notified of admission?

## Training Opportunities and Conferences

Translational Science 2013: Increasing the value of your research through team science. April 17-19, 2013, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC

### You're Invited to Attend Translational Science 2013

It's that time again! We invite you to attend

**Translational Science 2013**, April 17-19, 2013 at the **Omni Shoreham Hotel** in Washington DC. This

year's meeting is set to bring together more than 800 clinical and translational science experts from across the nation to hear from leaders in the scientific field and for cross-disciplinary networking.

### You Won't Want to Miss These Outstanding Plenary Speakers

Plan to attend **Translational Science 2013** and hear the latest updates from top leaders in the scientific field including Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel from the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine and Dr. Elias Zerhouni, former NIH Director and currently President of R&D at Sanofi, SA. accommodations, and meals will be paid.

**Applications are being accepted through October 15, 2012.** Interested students can apply [online](#) through the program's website.

<http://www.translationalsciencemeeting.org/>



## FDA-NIH Workshop: The Science of Small Clinical Trials

November 27-28, 2012

Building 31, The Great Room □ 10903 New Hampshire Avenue □ Silver Spring, MD 20993

FDA's Office of Orphan Product Development (OOPD), in collaboration with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Rare Diseases Research (ORDR), National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS), is conducting a 2-day public workshop titled *The Science of Small Clinical Trials*. This workshop will present an overall framework and provide training in the scientific aspects of designing and analyzing clinical trials based on small study populations.

The meeting is intended to bring together subject experts and stakeholders to discuss examples of small clinical trials and to identify strategies and trial designs that are conducive to overcoming the problem of executing clinical trials using small study populations.

For other seminars specific to your areas of interests, please see:

Biology:

<http://www.biology.uiowa.edu/seminars.php?tdate=2012-10-09>

Genetics:

<http://genetics.grad.uiowa.edu/events>

Physics:

<http://www.physics.uiowa.edu/calendar.html>

Institute for Clinical and Translational Science:

<http://icts.uiowa.edu/content/events>

Psychology:

<http://www.psychology.uiowa.edu/events>

## Upcoming Seminars and Workshops of Interest



### Healthiest State Health Fair

ICTS Clinical Research Unit staff will be at the "Healthiest State" Health Fair on November 7, 2012, from 7:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. The event will be held on the main deck of the UI Field House. We'll be promoting ResearchMatch.org and the Bod Pod. See you there!

**Date:**

Wed, 11/07/2012 - 13:00

### CTSA Tool Shop Webinar: StudySearch™

StudySearch™ is a web-based application designed to provide an easily readable publicly accessible searchable listing of IRB-approved protocols that are accruing study subjects. It was developed by the Regulatory Support and the Biomedical Informatics Cores of the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) at The Ohio State University. Postings include basic descriptive information: study title, purpose of the study, eligibility criteria, and study personnel contact information. Any language concerning benefits and/or inducements are not included; therefore, while IRB approval for a study to be listed on StudySearch™ is required, IRB approval of the posted language is not. Studies are listed by one of two methods; one automated and one manual: (1). Studies registered on ClinicalTrials.gov with OSU-related location terms, are automatically downloaded at the beginning of each month; or (2). Studies are submitted directly by researchers to the CCTS Regulatory Core staff.

## Get involved in the community!

### Career Leadership Academy

The Career Leadership Academy is an exciting opportunity for YOU to develop your leadership and professional skills – those same skills that employers have told us they're looking for in new employees.

The program is comprised of 4 academic credit-bearing courses called "phases" that focus on developing the leadership skills you already have and discovering the ones you'll need to be successful after graduation. Each phase of the program is filled with seminars, activities, and events designed to give you an edge as a leader in whatever career field you choose.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.careers.uiowa.edu/leadershipacademy/>

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Call for Volunteers - Strive for Success needs TUTORS!** Strive for Success (SFS) is a non-profit organization designed and dedicated to helping at-risk youth, grades 3-8, in Iowa City, and surrounding areas succeed in school, life, and society. Our program runs Monday Tuesday Wednesday and Friday from 3:30-5:30 and

Thursdays from 2:30-5:30. We are looking for volunteers to help provide academic support in reading and math.

**Girls on the Run Volunteer Opportunities-**The Girls on the Run 5K presented by University of Iowa Women's Health is coming up November 17! It's the culminating event of a 10-week, 20-lesson after-school program that uses the power of running to prepare 3rd - 6th grade girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. We need your help! There are three ways to be involved:  (1) Volunteer to be a Running Buddy. We're hoping to find an adult (female, 18+, background check required) for each of our 300 girls so spread the word!

### Salvation Army: Current Volunteer Opportunities

Bell Ringing  November 12-December 24th (No Thanksgiving or Sundays)  Toy Sorting  December 14th 9a-noon & 5p-9p  Toy Packing  December 17th 9a-noon & 5p-9p  Toy Distribution  December 19th 10a-6p   The link to register as a volunteer and choose your shifts is:  <https://app.volunteer2.com/Public/SignUp?organizationGUID=2ea3654d-76de-4993-b712-ab3ed801bf33&signupFormId=2>

For more volunteer opportunities, see:

<http://www.careers.uiowa.edu/cblp/hotopportunities.html>

## Good Luck!



Sarah Bannon is attending the ABRCMS conference next week!

## Join IBA's Facebook Group!

Please feel free to add Iowa Biosciences Advantage group to your Facebook profile! It's a great way to connect with other cohort members and IBA alumni. Find us at: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/2210424398/?fref=ts>



Happy Birthday to one of our amazing  
directors!!!



Lori Adams

Birthday:  
11/16/12