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New Office of Post-Doctoral Training in the School of Graduate Studies

Dear Queen's Post-Doctoral Fellows,

As the inaugural coordinator of the new **Office of Post-Doctoral Training** (OPDT) in the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) I am pleased to be sending out the first newsletter to introduce our mandate. Our office is dedicated to supporting current and incoming Queen's post-docs, to providing resources for a successful experience at Queen's, and preparing you for future career opportunities.

At this time, we are assessing needs for professional development training opportunities and community support for post-doctoral fellows. We welcome input and are looking for potential participants in focus groups who would like to share thoughts on their experience at Queen's and at other research institutions and what central supports would be of benefit to you. Please contact me by May 5 if you are interested in sharing ideas on post-doctoral professional development and community support.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at sgspostdoc@queensu.ca if you have questions or comments you would like to share.

We will send out a monthly newsletter with relevant information and we will launch a website for our new office and services provided in the summer.

In this issue, you will find information on an event introducing the Human Frontier Science Program, which offers opportunities for young researchers. If you wish to attend please be sure to reserve a place (see RSVP link to the right).

Warm regards,

Rebecca Hügler
Coordinator, Office of Post-Doctoral Training



Human Frontier Science Program: Information Session 28 April 2014



Human Frontier Science Program www.hfsp.org
Living on the edge: scientific careers at the frontiers of research
Dr. Carmen Gervais, Director of Fellowships and Career Development Awards

28 April 2014

Richardson Hall, Room 215
1:30 – 2:30 Presentation; 2:30 – 3:00 Q&A

Please [RSVP](#) by 21 April 2014

Target Audience:

Doctoral students thinking of applying for postdoctoral funding within approximately a year
Postdoctoral fellows who are recent graduates (HFSP has a 2 year eligibility window post-PhD to apply)
Faculty members interested in team grants (all career stages)

With 23 Nobel Laureates among its alumni, HFSP has a strong history of targeting Nobel-worthy research through its focus on high-risk, high-impact research addressing fundamental biological questions. HFSP offers postdoctoral fellowships and team research grants in support of exciting, frontier research ideas from scientists around the globe. The focus is on funding international and intercontinental scientific interchanges and collaborations in the spirit of science without borders.

HFSP is a vehicle of choice for doctoral students or recent doctoral graduates who are interested in pursuing high quality, international research exchanges. With a focus on scientists changing fields or areas of study, it's a unique program geared to forming the frontier researchers of tomorrow.

HFSP team research grants are the gateway to establish strong collaborative ties with top scientists around the world. The awards provides significant funding to support interdisciplinary teams proposing innovative approaches to basic research questions in the life sciences, often with unusual disciplinary combinations.

This talk explains HFSP's unique "niche", provides an overview of the opportunities HFSP offers along with tips on how to structure a competitive application.

Dr. Carmen Gervais is the Director of Fellowships and Career Development Awards at HFSP, a prestigious international funding organization renowned for supporting highly innovative research in newly emerging areas in the basic life sciences.



Carmen Gervais joined the Human Frontier Science Program Organization (HFSP) on June 1, 2012 as the Director of Fellowships and Career Development Awards. Prior to joining the HFSP

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secretariat, she was the Senior Advisor at the Canada Research Chairs secretariat in Ottawa, Canada. In this capacity she was involved in policy analysis, strategic planning and program management. Most recently she oversaw the development and implementation of the prestigious Canada Excellence Research Chairs program, launched in 2008. Carmen received her PhD in cell biology from Queen's University, and has held various positions in science policy and program development in government. She has served as a Director on the Board of Governors for the Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa, and has volunteered with various social support organizations.

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