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Chancellor Award for Postdoctoral Research

Application Deadline
January 15
application available at
<http://www.gdnet.ucla.edu/gss/library/pdprize.htm>

Postdoc Pub Night

January 18 - 8:00 pm
Busby's
Come all and bring friends!

Postdoc Orientation

January 31 - 3:00 pm
1237 Murphy Hall
RSVP at www.gdnet.ucla.edu/gss/postdoc/pdorient.htm

SoPS Elections

Throughout the month

GREEN CARD EVENT

JANUARY 29 - 6 pm
23-105 CHS

The Wolfsdorf law firm will be addressing the different options available to postdocs interested in applying for a greencard.

Submit your CV at VISALAW@wolfsdorf.com to speak with an attorney individually about your situation that evening.

Teaching or Research? by Dimitrios Vatakis

This is a question on the back of the minds of many researchers as an alternative career. There is a large number of 4-year teaching colleges and community colleges that offer either adjunct or tenure track positions. Is it easier, less stressful than research? or worse? Well based on who you ask it can go either way. Keep in mind many high schools also hurt for well qualified teaching staff. The following links can help you shed some light in this never ending question...

http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/site/c.eoJMIWOB1rH/b.1482699/k.8A90/Career_Options.htm

[http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_development/previous_issues/articles/2006_03_24/scientists_as_schoolteachers_feature_index/\(parent\)/12095](http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_development/previous_issues/articles/2006_03_24/scientists_as_schoolteachers_feature_index/(parent)/12095)

SoPS Salary Survey - We Need Your Input!

Thanks to the 200 plus people that have answered the survey so far! We still need more participation so please take the time to look in your email for the survey link (it will be open until mid-January) and fill out the survey!

Don't forget, for every 200 responses we will be raffling off one 4GB iPod Nano and five \$10 gift cards for the Kerckhoff Cafe!

SoPS Elections

SoPS will be holding elections for all executive positions during January. If you're interested in running for a position please email sops@postdoc.ucla.edu. You can also join one of the five SoPS committees by emailing the chair of the committee; information at www.postdoc.ucla.edu/officers. The schedule for January elections is as follows:

Nominations

Call for Nominations. Nominations for SoPS positions will be accepted until Friday, January 11.

Nominations can be emailed to sops@postdoc.ucla.edu

On-line Voting

Information about each nominee will be made available on Jan 14 .

Voting will take place on-line between Jan 14 - Jan 18.

Results

The SoPS election results will be announced by email on January 21.

The new executives will be highlighted in the February newsletter.

Chancellor's Award for Postdoctoral Research

The Chancellor's Award was established in 1998 to acknowledge the remarkable contributions and integral role of our postdoctoral fellows to the research mission of the university. This award will provide a prize of \$4,000 each to especially accomplished UCLA postdoctoral fellows recognized for their outstanding research. The deadline for submitting nominations is on Tuesday, January 15th. Please be sure to submit complete dossiers to Vice Chancellor Claudia Mitchell-Kernan's attention (1237 Murphy Hall) no later than **5pm on Tuesday, January 15th**. Additional information and forms can be found at <http://www.gdnet.ucla.edu/gss/library/pdprize.htm>. GOOD LUCK!