Call for Bloggers

Your school’s BEST career development program is part of a national NIH effort to help biomedical PhDs and postdocs prepare for a variety of career options. Only a handful of schools have programs like yours and we want to reach out to those of you interested in scientific communication and outreach careers and provide you with an opportunity to showcase your skills as well as gain experience.

We are looking for bloggers to write entries about the latest findings and exciting developments in the field of extracellular RNA communication which will be published on the NIH’s Extracellular RNA Communication Consortium’s website - http://exrna.org/. What you choose to write about is up to you, but it should be a recent publication and have something to do with extracellular/exosomal RNA communication. You may of course check with us to see if your topic is appropriate before starting.

OVERVIEW:

Audience: Primarily scientifically knowledgeable laypeople with an interest, but not necessarily expertise, in exRNA/exosome biology.

Time commitment: Varied (estimated 1-4 hours per blog)

Content: We are modeling this blog series after The Guardian’s Postdoc Diaries. Ideally, we would like you to find something that interests you about extracellular RNA or exosome biology – a new finding, a new method, new analytical software, etc. – and write something that will excite other people about this field. We intend for this blog to reach lay people, but be scientifically accurate and interesting for scientists as well.

Considerations: The blog will be posted publicly online. We would like to use your real name and photo.

If you are interested in gaining some writing experience with a wide and international audience, as well as writing for a website associated with the National Institutes of Health, please send the following to Rebecca Lenzi (Rebecca.Lenzi@nih.gov) and Dena Procaccini (dena.procaccini@nih.gov) by April 18, 2016.

- Name
- School
- Area of Expertise (i.e. pharmacology, bioinformatics, etc.)
- A short writing sample detailing an exciting new finding, technique, or cool aspect of science potentially related to extracellular RNA or exosomal trafficking.