**IGB Postdoctoral Fellowship in Bioeconomic Development**

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The Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign offers a fellowship for a truly exceptional young scholar (post-doc or recent PhD) who is looking for a career related to entrepreneurship and innovation. The successful candidate will join the External Relations and Strategic Partnerships team at the IGB and work closely with the Director in assisting faculty, staff and students identify opportunities and facilitating the translation of invention towards commercialization. In addition, the IGB Fellow in Bioeconomic Development will participate in market assessment and interactions with external partners. This is a unique opportunity to join the IGB Fellows program and be a part of a cohort of highly skilled professionals in scientific research, communications and development. See <https://www.igb.illinois.edu/bioeconomy> for relevant activities.

**Responsibilities:**

* Participate in planning meetings with external partners, identifying potential opportunities for engagement and executing follow-up.
* Develop, nurture and enact your own network of professionals in the bioeconomic development space.
* Attend relevant conferences on translational and commercial bioscience and engineering and prepare summaries for IGB researchers.
* Learn to perform analysis on market segments and potential. Draft executive summaries, presentations, and reports.
* Work with IGB theme researchers to explore translational opportunities to further their discovery. Identify companies whose research goals align with IGB’s research endeavors.
* Support campus partnerships with the Research Park, Colleges, Office of Corporate Relations and OVCRI institutes.
* Serve as a liasion with the UIUC Office of Technology Management (OTM) to discuss potential disclosures and develop Intellectual Property rights. Track and analyze disclosures, patents and licenses through OTM and agreements through Sponsored Research Administration (SPA).
* Join the cohort of IGB fellows and participate in the Fellows programmatic activities.

**Qualifications:**

Doctoral degree in STEM disciplines. Passion for the life sciences and skilled at science communication. Ability to write reports and translate technical language. Excellent communication skills and ability to organize and prioritize projects.

More information on the fellowship and benefits are available at: <https://www.igb.illinois.edu/involve/become-a-fellow>

**To Apply:**

Applicant should submit a Cover Letter, CV, a personal statement that can include a research summary, career goals and highlights etc., and the names of three references who can write letters on their behalf. Please send your information to **Jessica Smith at** **smithj4@illinois.edu**.

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