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Bio Advising Newsletter – 1/10/2017

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1. Advising: Drop-Ins & Appointments

The advisors are primarily taking walk-ins to serve students with time-sensitive questions, scheduling issues, and permissions. Drop by if we can help you with something!

Appointments for in-depth Academic and Career planning, and Summer / Fall Term Advising Holds begin **January 19**. Sign-up Sheets with all four advisors are out in the Advising Office (A258 Langley) now.

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2. Spring Term Enrollment Deadlines

- Add/Drop – Tuesday Jan 18
- S/NC Grade Option – Wednesday Feb 1

"Certain courses are offered on the S/NC (Satisfactory/No-Credit) grade option. This option was designed to encourage students to explore new and potentially difficult subjects without fear of the risks of failure. Under this option, a student who does satisfactory work (a grade of C or better) in a course receives the grade of S. If the student's work is not satisfactory (a grade of C- or lower), the grade of NC (No Credit) is given. Courses for which an S is received are counted toward graduation, but are not computed in the GPA. Courses in which an NC is received are counted toward neither graduation nor the GPA."

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3. UTA/Research/Internship Forms – deadline Jan 18

Forms can be found online at: <http://biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/forms>

Forms need to be completed and turned in to any advisor at A258 Langley.

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4. Checking Waitlists

Check your waitlisted classes!

There is no guarantee with wait-lists. Consider these points to assess your chances:

- 1) How big is the class? If there are 75-150 students there's a good chance of 2 students dropping. If there are 14 students there's a much lower chance of 2 drops.
- 2) Is the time-slot available in your schedule? If you are #1 on the wait-list but have a time conflict, the computer will skip you and enroll #2. So, make sure the time slot is open!
- 3) If you are adding onto a waitlist now, but have a conflict, use the SWAP function. This tells the computer to drop the conflicting class when it enrolls you from the waitlist.
- 4) Even if you don't get in this week, still attend class! Make sure the instructor is aware that you are on the wait-list.
- 5) MOST IMPORTANTLY, come up with a plan B for if you do not get into this course. Find an open class that will satisfy the requirement. Finally... Please remove yourself (do a DROP) from wait-lists if you no longer want the class. Otherwise, the computer will put you in! Also, other students may be waiting for that seat.

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5. Q&A Session: Summer Fellowships & Undergrad Research – Jan 13, 4-5pm, A214 Langley

Want to learn about our Biology Research Mentor/mentee summer fellowship?
Want advice on writing summer fellowship applications?
Want to talk about doing or finding undergraduate research?

Come ask questions!

Friday January 13, 4-5pm, Langley A214

Questions about the event? E-mail Dr. Nancy Kaufmann at nkaufman@pitt.edu.

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6. Resume/CV Writing Workshop – Jan 20, 4-5:30pm, A214 Langley

Please bring a copy of your resume/CV to work on.

Get a head start at <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/resume>.

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7. Genetic Counseling Club Meeting – Jan 10, 7:30pm, 539 WPU (TODAY)

The Genetic Counseling Club has their first meeting of the term tonight!

Contact Rachel Sutton (rms133@pitt.edu) if you have any questions.

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8. Seminar: Unraveling cell polarity dynamics – Jan 11, 3:45pm, 169 Crawford

University of Pittsburgh Department of Biological Sciences Presents:

Dr. Daniel Dickinson, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

"Unraveling cell polarity dynamics with single-cell biochemistry"
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
169 Crawford Hall
4:00 P.M.
3:45 P.M. refreshments
Host: Dr. Debbie Chapman

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9. Destress To Do Your Best Event – Jan 12, 10pm, Ballroom WPU

Sponsored by Pitt Program Council

Participate in engaging activities that minimize stress and help you to perform your best! Coloring, food, music, and more!

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10. MLK Day of Service – Jan 16 (Register by today!)

Each year, University of Pittsburgh students and staff join Americans across the country to answer that question by coming together on the King Holiday to serve their neighbors and communities.

Event Date & Time: Monday, January 16 @ 8:30am-2:30pm

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dr-martin-luther-king-jr-day-of-service-2017-tickets-30078617956>

Registration deadline: January 10 @ 5pm

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11. Pitt Passport Day – Jan 17-18, 10am-4pm, Lower Lounge WPU

Officials from the US Postal Service, acting on behalf of the US Department of State, will be on campus on January 17-18, 2017 to accept US passport and renewal applications from Pitt students, faculty and staff.

As of January 4, 2017 all appointment times slots have been allocated.

Students wanting an appointment, please send an email to ucis@pitt.edu. We will coordinate an appointment time with you.

Walk-ins are possible but priority will be given to people with an appointment.

More info: <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/main/get-a-passport>

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12. dB-SERC Workshop for UTAs – Jan 20 (Register by Jan 17), 3-5pm, Rm 104 Thaw

The Discipline-Based Science Education Research Center (dB-SERC) will host a **workshop for new Undergraduate Teaching Assistants (UTAs)** focused on discipline-specific issues in the teaching and learning of Natural Sciences.

It will be held on Friday, January 20 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in Thaw Hall, Room 104.

The workshop will be followed by a reception during which complimentary food will be provided. This workshop will be beneficial to undergraduate students who will serve as UTAs in the Natural Sciences. In this workshop, we will discuss evidence-based strategies for improving the effectiveness of homework sessions and recitations/labs including but not limited to: creating a TA teaching community, fostering collaborative learning, improving student participation, and tailoring help provided to students' prior knowledge.

Interested UTAs can register for the workshop at <https://goo.gl/forms/5Zfsyhz02NBfTu5w2>. The deadline to RSVP is 5 pm on Tuesday, January 17.

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13. Falk School Science Fair Judge – Jan 25

Have an interest in education and love science? Pitt's Falk Laboratory School is looking for volunteer judges for their Middle School Science Fair!

Please email Dr. Nancy Kaufmann (nkaufman@pitt.edu) if you are interested.

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14. NIST: Summer Undergrad Research Fellowship – deadline Jan 30

The SURF Program will provide research opportunities for undergraduate students to work with NIST scientists and engineers, to expose them to cutting-edge research, and to promote the pursuit of graduate degrees in science and engineering.

More info & application: <https://upitt.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1756902>

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15. SENS Research: Summer Scholars Program – deadline Feb 6

The SRF Summer Scholars Program offers undergraduate students the opportunity to conduct biomedical research to combat diseases of aging, such as cancer, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's Disease. Under the guidance of a scientific mentor, each Summer Scholar is responsible for his or her own research project in such areas as genetic engineering and stem cell research. The Summer Scholars Program emphasizes development of both laboratory and communication skills to develop well-rounded future scientists, healthcare professionals, and policy makers.

The online application and a full description of each research project is at www.sens.org/2017-summer-scholars.

Application Deadline 12 pm PST February 6, 2017.

Questions: contact greg.chin@sens.org
Gregory Chin, Ph.D.
Director of Education
SENS Research Foundation

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16. Hepatitis B Foundation: College Intern Program – deadline Feb 10

The Hepatitis B Foundation's College Internship provides a unique opportunity for college students in their junior or senior year who are considering graduate school, medical school, or industrial research careers, to spend 10 weeks in an innovative and educational program.

This is a 10-week program that will begin on Monday, June 5, 2017 and end Friday, August 11, 2017. Students will be required to arrange their own housing and transportation to and from the research center.

More info & application: <http://www.hepb.org/research-and-programs/education-and-training/college->

[internship-program/](#)

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17. Pitt TECBio: Summer REU – deadline Feb 13

The Department of Computational and Systems Biology at Pitt hosts a 10-week summer program called TECBio REU @ Pitt (<http://www.tecbioreu.pitt.edu/>). We are now in our 8th installment of the program and are looking to recruit strong Pitt applicants. TECBio provides a challenging graduate-level research experience in computational biology. Students will work on a project with a research mentor and present their work at a symposium at the end of the program.

Application Deadline: February 13, 2017
Program Dates: May 22 – July 28, 2017
Student Support: \$5500 stipend

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18. Pitt: Mentor/Mentee Summer Fellowship – deadline Feb 17

<http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/awards-and-fellowships/mentormentee>

This 11-WEEK program for University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh campus) undergraduates interested in research runs May - August. The program includes:

A 2-week Group Project. Teams tackle a research project together. Junior and Senior undergraduates paired with Freshmen and Sophomores will master a set of research skills and learn about research and facilities across the department.

A 9-week research rotation in a Faculty Laboratory. All students will work in different labs throughout the department for the remainder of the summer. Students will share their research with each other in a weekly student seminar series. Students will hear from faculty about their lab experiences in another seminar series.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- Freshmen and Sophomores NEW to research OR having spent less than 1 semester working in a lab in the Department of Biological Sciences.
- Sophomores and Juniors already in Department of Biological Sciences labs with interest in mentoring students new to the department.

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19. Pitt Vascular Medicine: AHA Summer Research – deadline Feb 28

The University of Pittsburgh, in cooperation with the American Heart Association and the Vascular Medicine Institute, offers a stipend to support summer research experiences in cardiovascular sciences or brain ischemia research for undergraduates mentored by a University faculty member. The SURP is designed to expose students to cutting-edge basic and translational cardiovascular research.

More info & application: <http://www.vmi.pitt.edu/aha-surp/index.html>

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20. REU: Pymatuning Lab of Ecology – deadline Mar 3

The Richards-Zawacki lab at the University of Pittsburgh invites undergraduate applicants for a 10-week summer research experience at the Pymatuning Lab of Ecology in northwestern Pennsylvania (<http://www.biology.pitt.edu/facilities/pymatuning>).

This position is part of the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program. Ongoing work in the Richards-Zawacki lab aims to clarify the relationship between climate and the dynamics of chytridiomycosis, a fungal disease that threatens amphibian populations on several continents. The successful applicant will work collaboratively with other members of the Richards-Zawacki lab to survey local amphibians for *Batrachochytrium* fungi, the pathogens that cause chytridiomycosis, and also design and carry out a study to investigate the role of pond community characteristics on the seasonal dynamics of these infections. Room and board at the Pymatuning Lab of Ecology will be provided, along with transportation and a stipend of \$500/week.

To apply, please send a one page personal statement (about your scientific interests and how this REU will support your professional goals), your resume or cv, unofficial transcripts, and the names of two professional references (including title, address, phone number and email address) to Dr. Cori Richards-Zawacki (cori.zawacki@pitt.edu). Applications are due March 3, 2017.

Please direct any questions you may have about the program to Dr. Richards-Zawacki (cori.zawacki@pitt.edu)

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21. Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship – deadline Jan 23

Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship supports graduate studies and a year of classroom teaching experience for those who wish to become STEM teachers in high-need urban or rural secondary schools. Fellows receive a \$30,000 stipend and varying tuition assistance to complete a master's program in Georgia or New Jersey, and must commit to teaching at the secondary level for three years in that same state.

More info: <http://woodrow.org/fellowships/ww-teaching-fellowships/>

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22. UHC Scholarship Program – deadline Feb 3

UHC Scholarship Program provides \$2,000 in tuition support to juniors, seniors, or fifth-year students with a 3.5 GPA, involvement with the UHC, and no previous record of merit scholarships from Pitt's OAF.

More info: <http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/uhc-scholarships>

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23. Udall Undergrad Scholarship – deadline Feb 15

Udall Undergraduate Scholarship awards \$7,000 to sophomores and juniors from any discipline who demonstrate a commitment to environmental issues through a combination of coursework, research, internships, jobs, or extracurricular activities. Native American or Alaskan native students are also eligible for fields related to tribal health care or tribal policy. Pitt can nominate up to eight candidates for this award. U.S. citizens, nationals, and permanent residents are eligible to apply.

More info: <http://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/Scholarship.aspx>

Have questions? Reach out to the University Honors College

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Dental Science Club

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Ecology Club – Alternate Tuesdays, 8:45pm, 540 WPU

ecologyclubpitt@gmail.com
List of officers: <https://goo.gl/lcFCWw>

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Genetic Counseling Club

Meeting tonight (Jan 10) at 7:30pm in 539 WPU

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pittgeneticcounselingclub@gmail.com

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Pitt Medlife

www.facebook.com/groups/285270411670195
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POMS

<http://www.poms.us>
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Pre-PA Association – Alternate Wednesdays, 9pm, 527 WPU

pittppaa@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/523230964458833/>

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Pre-Vet Club – Alternate Thursdays, 8pm, Langley Lobby

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/441907539257843/>
List of officers: <https://goo.gl/5XFNqh>

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TRI-BETA – Alternate Wednesdays, 8pm, A221 Langley

1/11, 1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, 3/22, 4/5

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Until next week,

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