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Bio Advising Newsletter – 1/17/2017

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1. Advising: Walk-Ins & Enrollment 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 – Wednesday Jan 18 (TOMORROW)

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 (TOMORROW)

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. Summer Enrollment Updates

Summer enrollment begins on February 10 for Veteran Students and February 13 for Non-Veteran Students. If you plan on enrolling in summer classes, you can make an advising appointment to discuss summer and fall plans to have both of your academic advisement holds lifted.

New Course Offerings

- Six-Week-One Session
 - BIOSC 0041* – Anatomy for the Health Professions
 - BIOSC 0042* – Anatomy for the Health Professions Lab
 - *these classes DO NOT count towards the Biological Sciences major*
- Six-Week-Two Session
 - BIOSC 1250 – Human Physiology
 - BIOSC 1255 – Physiology Lab

Potential Change with Course Offerings

- BIOSC 1010 – Communicating in the Biological Sciences WILL be offered during the summer term. However the exact summer session in which it will be offered is still to be determined. Check back or speak with an advisor for updated information.

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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. Bio Sci Poster Abstract Submission – deadline Jan 30

Looking to present your research at our departmental poster session?

Submit your abstract to this link by 10am on Jan 30:
<https://pitt.box.com/s/ug1tc8cy1o18hjq81cm9umyhvrpqxhx>

Formatting guidelines for the abstracts are at <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/abstract>

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8. Bio Sci Poster Session – Feb 10, 4-5:30pm, 219B Langley

Interested in learning about the research your peers are conducting in labs all across campus? Come check out the Departmental of Biological Sciences Poster Session!

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9. Pitt Grad Schools Info Sessions – Jan 17 & 20, 224 WPU

Pitt Graduate Schools are holding admissions and career services workshops for you to learn about the graduate school admissions process, and discover each college's career services resources. Plus, learn where current graduate are working! All info session will be held in 224 William Pitt Union.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

11 a.m - Noon	School of Social Work
Noon - 1 p.m.	Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
2 - 3 p.m.	School of Nursing
3 - 4 p.m.	School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
4 - 5 p.m.	Graduate School of Public Health

Friday, Jan. 20

11 a.m. - Noon	School of Education
Noon - 1 p.m.	School of Information Sciences
2 - 3 p.m.	Katz Graduate School of Business
3 - 4 p.m.	School of Law

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10. Workshop: Craft of Undergrad Research Proposals – Jan 30, 5-7pm, Hillman Library

The workshop, presented in partnership by Office of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (OUR), the University Library System, and faculty members from the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, is designed to teach undergraduates how to craft effective independent research proposals for award and funding opportunities. Participants will learn techniques to strengthen proposals and discuss best practices with faculty experts.

To register: [Monday, January 30 Workshop registration](#)

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11. 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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12. 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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13. Allegheny Hlth: Autoimmunity Institute – deadline Feb 17

Research internship at Allegheny Health Network's (AHN) Autoimmunity Institute (AI), in Pittsburgh, PA.

The annual Summer Research Internship Program admits 6-8 students for an eight week summer research internship under the mentorship of an AI faculty member. It runs from early June to late July and includes a mentored research project, numerous opportunities for clinical shadowing, and a didactic lecture series.

Gain experience in the research process: review relevant literature, develop experimental protocols, conduct experiments, analyze data, write an abstract and deliver an oral presentation of your project. To highlight the translational nature of our research, our program includes opportunities to shadow physicians and a series of didactic lectures focused on specific disease areas and human subjects research.

Apply at: [AI Internship online application link](#)

Contact aaairesearch@ahn.org if you have any questions.

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14. 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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15. 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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16. 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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17. 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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18. 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 OAFA.

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

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19. 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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Ecology Club – Alternate Tuesdays, 8:45pm, 540 WPU
ecologyclubpitt@gmail.com
List of officers: <https://goo.gl/lcFCWw>

This Saturday (1/21) the Ecology Club will be going to the Pittsburgh Aviary to explore the exhibits, feed some beautiful birds, and sit in on a live bird show! Admittance to the aviary costs \$10 and the bird show is an additional \$5. Attendees must bring \$15 cash and an officer will handle paying at the entrance in order to get the group rate.

The bird show starts at 1:30pm so meet at the bus stop on **Fifth Ave in front of Towers at 11:45am**. Please RSVP to ecologyclubpitt@gmail.com if you plan on going!

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Genetic Counseling Club
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/geneticcounselingclub/>
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POMS

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

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TRI-BETA – Alternate Wednesdays, 8pm, A221 Langley
1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, 3/22, 4/5

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Until next week,

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