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1. Pre-Enrollment Advising Appointments

Our appointment sheets are filling up!

Sign up for an appointment* NOW to have you hold lifted for Summer and Fall classes!

*New declares must attend a Group Advising Meeting before scheduling an appointment.

- Summer enrollment begins Feb 13 (Feb 10 for Veteran & Priority Enrollment Students)
- Fall enrollment begins Mar 27 (Mar 24 for Veteran & Priority Enrollment Students)

All four advisors have appointment sheets in A258 Langley Hall. Once you sign up for an appointment, write it down or put it in your calendar. **BRING YOUR ADVISING FOLDER WITH AN UPDATED PLAN TO YOUR MEETING.**

Remember we are also taking walk-ins for quick questions. Stop by if we can help you with something.

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2. April Senior Recognition Ceremony

More info to come: <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/seniorceremony>

If you are graduating in August 2017 or December 2017 and want to attend the Biological Sciences Senior Recognition Ceremony (happens only once a year), e-mail an advisor to get on the senior mailing list.

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3. Graduating in August 2017?

Pick up and return a free graduation application in 140 Thackeray between February 13 and March 17!

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4. Pitt 2nd Degree BSN Deadline Extended

The application deadline for Summer 2017 admission to the **Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN** has been extended. Senior baccalaureate students may submit the application while finishing the prerequisites.

All applications will be reviewed without official GRE scores

- Admitted students are required to submit official GRE scores before beginning the first term of the program.
- If admitted, the School of Nursing will provide a voucher or reimburse the GRE exam fee after the student's enrollment deposit is received.
- The offer of admission will not be rescinded based on the admitted student's GRE

More info: <http://www.nursing.pitt.edu/degree-programs/accelerated-2nd-degree-bsn>

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5. Ohio State: PostBac Research Program – deadline Apr 1

The Discovery Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) is an National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded program that provides an intense research experience in outstanding research facilities with leading investigators at The Ohio State University. This one year program also provides comprehensive professional development experiences and workshops to strengthen professional skills in order to excel in research and graduate school. Overall, this experience is designed to prepare individuals for admission into a biomedical sciences PhD program.

More info & apply: https://medicine.osu.edu/research_ed/postbacs/discoveryprep/Pages/index.aspx

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6. Bio Sci Department Poster Session – Feb 10, 4-5:30pm, A219B Langley

Interested in learning about the research your peers are conducting in labs all across campus or interested in speaking with your peers about how to get into a lab?

Come check out the Departmental of Biological Sciences Poster Session!

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7. Letter of Recommendation Workshop – Feb 16, 4-5:30pm, A219B Langley

Sponsored Biological Sciences Advisors and HHMI

This workshop will cover: · How do faculty WRITE letters?

- Get to read some REAL letters.
- Plan for WHO would be best for you to ask.
- Plan for HOW to get the strongest letter possible.
- Learn how to ASK for letters.

Review this guide for recommendation letters: <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/node/3484>

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8. ACC Meeting of Minds Research Conference Application – deadline Feb 10

The 12th Annual Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Meeting of the Minds will be held at Duke University from March 31-April 2, 2017. This is an outstanding undergraduate research conference that brings together the best undergraduate researchers from all member ACC schools.

Pitt is looking for six outstanding undergraduate researchers to attend this conference and represent the University.

The Request for Undergraduate Participants is online at: http://www.provost.pitt.edu/pacup/Pitt_ACC_MOM_2017_announcement.pdf

For more information about the Meeting of the Minds Conference at Duke can be found at <https://sites.duke.edu/accmom2017/>

Applications from students or their faculty mentors can be sent to Professor Meriney at meriney@pitt.edu by February 10, 2017. Notification of acceptance will be made by February 17, 2015.

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9. Bio Seminar Series – Feb 13, 4:15pm, 169 Crawford

Title: Linking genome sequence to behavior across birds and mammals
Speaker: Dr. Andreas Pfenning, Assistant Professor, Carnegie Mellon University

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10. Moriarty Seminar – Feb 13, 12pm, Carnegie Museum of Natural History Earth Theater

Title: Can you dig it? Adaptations of mammals to life underground
Speaker: Dr. John Wible, Curator, Carnegie Museum of Natural History

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11. Tri-Beta Club Free Movie Screening – Feb 15, 7:30-9pm, A224 Langley

Tri-Beta will be hosting a screening of a documentary called *Pink & Blue: Colors of Hereditary Cancer*.

It is an incredible 90-minute story about both women and men who have inherited genes, specifically BRCA-1 and BRCA-2, that put them at high risk for certain cancers such as breast and ovarian cancer. It also highlights the importance of how genetic testing can save individual lives and entire families. You can view the trailer [here](#).

This event is open to non-Tri-Beta members of all majors.

Questions? Contact Tri-Beta President Monica Sauer at mls202@pitt.edu

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12. Counseling Center Self Care Workshop – Thursdays, 11am-12pm, Nordenberg Hall Wellness Center

A drop in friendly workshop for students to explore different aspects of their college life. New topic each week involving ways to take care of yourself while away at college.

Drop ins welcome (no need to have prior contact with the Counseling Center).

More info: <https://counseling.pitt.edu>

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13. Genetic Counseling Club Resume Workshop – Feb 7, 7:30pm, 315 Clapp

The Pitt Genetic Counseling Club is hosting a resume workshop tonight: bring your resume to get feedback!

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14. Spring Career Fair Prep Days – Feb 6-14

Prepare for the career fair all week long with resume reviews, elevator pitch practice, and more.

More info: <https://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cdpa/>

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15. Spring Career Fair (STEM) – Feb 15-16, 11am-3pm, WPU

February 15 and 16: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
February 17: Business, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Explore internship and full- and part-time employment opportunities!

More info: <https://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cdpa/>

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16. OUR Undergrad Mentor Application – deadline Feb 24

The Undergraduate Mentor program is a peer-to-peer mentoring program where motivated undergraduates share their research and scholarly endeavors with the general student body, faculty members, and First Experiences in Research students.

More info & application: <http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/our/ums>

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17. Never A Spectator Event – deadline Feb 24

On Thursday, March 16, 2017, The Elsie Hillman Civic Forum will host their second annual campus-wide student program titled "*Never a Spectator*". Students will join regional visionaries for an intimate evening and dinner reception devoted to sharing a vision for public service, inspiring action, and developing the pipeline of leadership needed to foster sustainable growth and regional transformation as Pittsburgh continues to evolve as one of America's premier cities. The goal of this special event is to connect students with Pittsburgh leaders who saw a need in their community and developed an organization to meet that need.

More info & apply: <http://elsiehillmanforum.pitt.edu/student-programs/never-spectator-campus-event>

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18. IMHE: Summer Internship – deadline Feb 16

The IHME Internship is a structured program in which undergraduates can receive professional experience as well as education and training opportunities to enhance career readiness. This internship provides a unique opportunity for undergraduates to work in a dynamic and agile organization at the intersection of nonprofit work, technology development, academia, and research. Interns will have the opportunity to contribute to mission-critical work, learn from experts in the field, and interact with diverse and international staff.

More info & apply: <http://www.healthdata.org/get-involved/internships>

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19. 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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20. UNC: Summer Research Fellowship – deadline Mar 1

The Carolina Summer Fellowship (CSF) Program is a summer research program for undergraduate students sponsored by the Department of Pharmacology at UNC-Chapel Hill and supported in part by a SURF award from the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. The CSF Program is designed

to give students planning a career in the biomedical sciences an opportunity to conduct research under the direction of a research pharmacologist and to gain knowledge and skills in scientific communication and networking.

More info & apply: <https://www.med.unc.edu/pharm/summer-undergraduate-research>

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21. 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. 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.

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22. St. George's: Med/Vet Summer Leadership Academy

The two-week Med/Vet Summer Leadership Academy at St. George's University gives a student a unique opportunity to get an inside view of their future career as a doctor or veterinarian.

More info: <http://www.sgu.edu/future-students/summeracademy.html>

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23. UHC Scholarship Resources

The University Honors College has scholarship resources. There is also a monthly newsletter you can subscribe to and receive announcements on scholarships and upcoming deadlines!

More info: <http://honorscollege.pitt.edu/scholarships/national-scholarships-advising-current-students/external-scholarship-listings-0>

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24. 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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25. Brackenridge Summer Research Fellowship – deadline Feb 27

The Summer Brackenridge Fellowship Program is a University Honors College Program open to all full-time undergraduate students on the Oakland campus. Applicants submit a 2-3 page proposal describing the objective(s), importance, scope, and methodology of their project, which may be analytic or creative. Proposals in the Humanities and Social Science are especially encouraged.

Brackenridge Fellows receive a stipend of \$3,500 for the summer (mid-May through July) to assure that they can devote themselves full-time to their projects and the associated responsibilities without having to support themselves by means of a summer job. Fellows may not take a summer course or hold a summer job. Approximately 40 to 45 awards will be made.

More info: <http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/summer-brackenridge-fellowships>
Have questions? Reach out to the University Honors College

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26. OUR Summer Undergrad Research Award – deadline Mar 3

The Office of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (OUR) will offer 20 Summer Undergraduate Research Awards, each carrying a stipend of \$3,500.

The Summer Undergraduate Research Awards (SURA) provide a \$3,500 stipend to conduct independent research over the course of the summer. SURA recipients also enroll in a 12-week summer SURA course to learn how to communicate their research findings to a general audience.

More info & apply: <http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/our/our-semester-awards>

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Pre-PA Association – Alternate Wednesdays, 9pm, 527 WPU

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<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

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