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Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a wonderful summer!

Bio Advising Newsletter – 8/29/2017

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1. Advising Walk-ins this week

This week, advisors are only 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 Spring Term Advising Holds begin September 11th.

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2. Add/Drop – deadline Sept 8

Friday, September 8 is the final day to add/drop.

After September 8, you cannot add or drop classes.

The waitlist runs through the last day of add/drop. Make sure to check your waitlisted classes!

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3. UTA, Research & Intern Forms for credit – deadline Sept 8

The enrollment forms need to be turned into an advisor before the end of the add/drop deadline on September 8.

You can pick up a blank form from an Advisor in A258 Langley Hall or download a fillable form from our website: <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/forms>

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4. S/NC Grade Option – deadline Sept 22

Before the end of add/drop, you can change the grade option on your own by editing your courses in your Student Center. *This is not reversible.*

After the end of add/drop, you can still change your grade option at 140 Thackeray Hall.

"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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5. Bio Advising is on Social Media!

In addition to newsletter items, want to stay up to date with bio advising news/shares and other happenings around campus? Follow us on social media!

@PittBioAdv

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/pittbioadv/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/PittBioAdv>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/pittbioadv/>

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6. Pitt Student Employment Fair – Aug 30, 1-4pm, WPU (TOMORROW)

Meet with university departments and local employers hiring for federal work study, student worker positions, and internships. Visit www.hr.pitt.edu/students for information on student employment, www.pittsource.com to explore on-campus job opportunities, and pitt.joinhandshake.com for University of Pittsburgh internships. Click [here](#) to register!

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7. Biology Tutoring Jobs

Pitt's SSoE INVESTING NOW program is currently seeking three undergraduate Biology or related majors to tutor high school students in high school Biology 1 & 2.

INVESTING NOW tutoring supports local high school students in high school math and sciences: algebra, geometry, elementary functions, calculus, statistics, biology, chemistry, physics and AP maths and sciences. So, the biology tutor may also work with these subjects if desired. INVESTING NOW high school tutoring is from 3:00pm to 7:00pm, M-F. Tutoring is held in Benedum Hall. Currently, the pay is \$8.15/hour and hours are flexible based on your availability.

How to apply:

- Apply through PittSource at <http://www.pittsource.com/postings/134101>, and
- Email Linda Demoise at lwd3@pitt.edu or phone 412-624-2465 for a supplemental application form

to record your available times and classes you want to tutor. Please note: PA Act 153 clearances are required prior to commencement of employment and INVESTING NOW will help you complete these and pay for the clearance process for working with minors.

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8. New Environmental Honors Fraternity (Epsilon Eta)

The mission of Epsilon Eta is to provide a network of like-minded students whose goal is to better serve the community and environment.

Interested in learning more about Epsilon Eta, an environmental honors fraternity?
Email: epsilonetadelta@gmail.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/epsilonetadelta/>

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9. Vida Volunteer Health Professions Abroad Trip

Got plans for Spring Break yet? It is not too early to start thinking! Why not volunteer abroad with Vida Volunteer?

Vida Volunteer is designed to help impoverished communities in Central America, while giving volunteers around the world an interactive, cultural, and engaging experience that will help them become better physicians, dentists, veterinarians, and nurses.

This trip will be located in Guatemala from March 3-11 (during Pitt's Spring Break). Health programs will include an orientation in to learn to take vitals, work with patients, learn common diseases and symptoms, and treat patients. Programming will include clinical work, case discussions, doctor interactions, and recreational activities!

Want more details on cost and other logistics or experiences from a fellow student? Contact Danica Pratta at DLP60@pitt.edu

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10. Horowitz Undergrad Research Fellowship Application – deadline Sept 11

The fellowship is available to a student who has completed a substantial amount of research. The student is expected to work a minimum of twelve hours per week in the lab during the academic year and present a poster at the Spring Undergraduate Poster Session and a talk at the departmental Spring Undergraduate Research Talks. The stipend is \$3000 for the academic year with \$500 for supplies.

NOTE: Research must be performed in the Dept. of Biological Sciences.

The fellowship is open to students who have already completed a substantial amount of research and intend to continue performing research during the 2017-18 academic year.

Applicants should not have other employment or fellowship.

To apply: <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/awards-and-fellowships/norman-h-horo>

For questions, contact Dr. Nancy Kaufmann – nkaufman@pitt.edu

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11. Ecology Undergrad Research Opportunity (Kitzes Lab)

Dr. Justin Kitzes, a new ecology faculty member in the department, is looking for undergraduate researchers to join his lab this semester. Justin's research focuses on how wildlife, particularly birds and bats, are distributed across landscapes that are affected by land use and climate change. He's looking for students to collaborate on computational projects to model biodiversity distributions and on field projects using acoustic recording devices. All of Justin's research is quantitative in nature, and interested students should have prior

coursework in mathematics or statistics as well as some programming experience with Python, R, Matlab, C, or a similar language. Positions can award academic credit or, depending on students' background and skills, may be paid.

Interested students should email Dr. Kitzes – Justin.kitzes@pitt.edu - their resume, transcript, and a brief description of why they'd like to work in the lab.

Lab website: <http://www.kitzeslab.org/>

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12. NSF Grad Research Fellowship Info Session

Are you applying for, or working with students applying for, a research-based graduate program in STEM, STEM education, or the social sciences? Attend and/or spread the word about these information sessions for the [National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program!](#)

Thursday, September 7, 5:00-6:30 PM
Cathedral of Learning, 35th floor

Tuesday, September 12, 5:00-6:30 PM
Carnegie Mellon University, Newell Simon Hall - Room 3305

This is a terrific opportunity to learn about what is needed to submit a competitive application. Thank you for posting and distributing the flyer below.

Contact National Scholarships Advisor Ian Riggins (jpr5@pitt.edu) with questions.

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Until next week,

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