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Bio Advising Newsletter – 9/5/2017

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*** **DETAILS** *** **DETAILS** ***

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)

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 (FRIDAY)

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. BIOSC 0160 UTAs Needed

Class: BIOSC 0160 Foundations of Biology 2

Lectures: Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM

Recitations (must attend one): Wednesdays 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 2:00 PM; Thursdays 9:00 AM

Requirement: Have earned a final grade of B or better in the course

Contact: Dr. Sherianne Gleason at sgleason@pitt.edu

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7. Genetic Counseling Club First Meeting – Sept 4, 8pm, 310 WPU

The first meeting will include introducing the officers, explaining more details about the club, and doing a case study!

For questions: pittgeneticcounselingclub@gmail.com

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8. Fall Volunteer Fair – Sept 13, 12-3pm, WPU

The 23rd Annual Fall Volunteer Fair helps to connect Pitt student volunteers with community agencies offering volunteer opportunities.

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9. Fall STEM Career Fair – Sept 19-20, 11-3pm, WPU

- Explore internship and full- and part-time employment opportunities.
- Meet with representatives from local, regional, and national nonprofits, corporations, and government agencies.
- Earn OCC credit.
- Wear professional attire (no jeans permitted).
- Bring plenty of resumes.

More info: https://pitt.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/1635/student_preview

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10. 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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11. Medical Scribe Job Positions

If you would like to work as a medical scribe for PhysAssist Scribe, you can do one of two things:

- Contact Andrew.Matson@iamscribe.com or phone him at 817-507-0318
- Apply online at iamscribe.com

They have both part-time 18-20 hrs a week or full-time 30- 40 hours a week positions. You need at least a 2.8 GPA or above with some science background.

Salary = \$9.10 per hour to start

They are looking for sophomores and above to fill positions.

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12. 2017 Jonas Salk Health Activist Fellowship – deadline Sept 10

The Fellowship is designed as an incubator for emerging health activists. From September 19 to November 30, the Fellows will form an action group, and develop skills to build a case for action, shape winning strategies, and advocate effectively around a health issue that they are passionate about. In addition to learning how to change policies, practices, and perspectives, the Fellows will also take action during the Fellowship with some microfunding and experienced community activists as they start to implement their strategy.

The Fellowship sessions will occur on Tuesdays from 4:30pm to 7:30pm (dinner included) at the QI²T Center (650 Smithfield St., Suite 2600, Pittsburgh, PA, 15222) and select locations in the Pittsburgh community.

Questions? Contact Andy Gaul at gaul@jhf.org

Apply: www.gitcenter.org/2017-salk-fellowship

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13. Palmer College of Chiropractic Dinner Event – Sept 20, 6-8pm, Bravo Cucina Italiana

Palmer College of Chiropractic is hosting a complimentary prospective student dinner event on Wednesday, September 20th, 2017 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Bravo Cucina Italiana 4976 McKnight Road. The dinner is open to students who are seeking careers in the health professions. This event is also welcome to health professions advisors and faculty members who look to receive more information about chiropractic when advising students on health profession careers.

Guest Speaker Dr. Sean Gallagher will discuss his experience at Palmer, his experience in the chiropractic professions, and host a Q&A session.

Registration is required for this event – the deadline is Friday, September 15th.

To register: <https://goo.gl/JTnYaA>

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14. Indiana University School of Optometry Open House – Sept 30, 1-4pm

The Turcotte lab in Biology is looking for undergraduate students to help conduct research exploring the ecology and evolution of species interactions. Research for credit (minimum 2 credits for 10 hrs/wk) positions are available.

If interested see instructions here: <http://www.martinturcotte.net/join-the-lab/>

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15. Undergrad Research Opportunity in Evolutionary-Ecology (Turcotte Lab)

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16. Undergrad Research Opportunity in Ecology (Kitzes Lab)

Dr. Justin Kitzes, a new ecology faculty member in the department, is looking for undergraduate researchers to join his lab this semester. The research focuses on how wildlife, particularly birds and bats, are distributed across landscapes that are affected by land use and climate change. Dr. Kitzes is looking for students to collaborate on computational projects to model biodiversity distributions and on field projects using acoustic recording devices. All of Dr. Kitzes' 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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17. NSF Grad Research Fellowship Info Session – Sept 7, 5-6:30pm, 35th Floor Cathedral

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

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 (ipr5@pitt.edu) with questions.

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18. 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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19. Science 2017 Poster Registration – deadline Sept 18

Hoping to share your research at a poster session during Science 2017?

For more details and to register your poster: <http://www.science2017.pitt.edu/posters.htm>

For undergraduate poster inquiries, please e-mail Maryann Gray at academic@pitt.edu.

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Until next week,

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