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Bio Advising Newsletter – 1/16/2018

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1. Advising: Drop-Ins & Appointments

Normal hours are 9am-5pm during the academic term.

We 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 22**. Sign-up Sheets with all four advisors are out now in the Advising Office (A258 Langley).

2. Enrollment Deadlines

Add/Drop – Friday, Jan 19
Extended Drop – Friday, Jan 26 (Permission is needed – See guidelines here:
<http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/assets/pdf/ExtendedDropPeriodGuidlines.pdf>)

3. UTA/Research/Internship Forms – deadline Jan 19

BIOSC 1690/1901/1903/1904 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. Advisors will enroll you. Please make sure the credits you plan on enrolling in will NOT put you over 18 credits for the term.

4. Class Waitlists

Please remove yourself (do a DROP) from wait-lists if you no longer want the class.

This avoids you accidentally being enrolled, and helps faculty and students know how big the waitlist really is, and whether they can do something about it.

5. S/NC Grade Option Change – deadline Feb 2

Before the end of add/drop (Friday, January 19), 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 and before February 2, 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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6. Meet our Biology Peer Advisors!

We have new Biology Peer Advisors who will be holding drop-in office hours to share their experiences in the bio department, offer tips, and find answers to your questions!

Drop-In Office Hours for January 16-19 will be held in Langley A258 (Advising office):

- Tues, Jan 16 @ 1-2pm: Lisa Coe & Michaela Schreyer
- Wed, Jan 17 @ 11am-12pm: Grace Lee & Hana Mujkovic
- Thurs, Jan 18 @ 4-5pm: Hannah Han & Ramya Saravanan
- Fri, Jan 19 @ 10-11am: Owen Poling & Nora Mosch

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7. April Senior Recognition Ceremony Info

Are you graduating in April or August 2018 and want to participate our departmental Senior Recognition Ceremony?

Check out the details here: <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/seniorceremony>

You will be receiving more information mid-spring.

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8. Duke Biomedical Master's Program – deadline Feb 12

The Duke University School of Medicine offers an innovative 11-month professional master's degree, the Master of Biomedical Sciences (MBS). The goal of this program is to enhance the scientific and professional preparation of students aspiring to a career in the health professions or in a related field requiring graduate level biomedical sciences. Students will bolster their preparation for further study or entry into the biomedical workforce by completing a rigorous combination of multidisciplinary graduate level coursework, immersive patient-centered service learning, individualized electives, advising, and professional development.

More info & apply: <https://goo.gl/wDMTiS>

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9. Michigan Postbac Research Education Program – deadline Mar 31

PREP is part of the training efforts of the NIH's Diversity in the Biomedical Workforce initiative and is supported by the NIH Division of Training, Workforce Development, and Diversity.

U-M PREP encourages applications from underrepresented minorities who hold a recent baccalaureate degree in a field related to biomedical sciences that are interested in pursuing a research doctorate.

More info & apply: <https://goo.gl/Ttd3Lc>

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10. CV/Resume Writing Workshop – Jan 16, 4-5:30pm, A202 Langley (TODAY)

Need help putting your CV/Resume together? Are you applying for the Mentor/Mentee Summer Fellowship and other summer research programs? You should attend!

Bring a draft of your CV/Resume if you have one. You will have an opportunity to get feedback!

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11. Undergrad Research Symposium Abstract Submission – deadline Jan 22

The Symposium will be held on February 2 from 4-5:30pm in Langley Hall.

To present at the poster session, abstracts are due January 22 to Dr. nancy Kaufmann at nkaufman@pitt.edu.

Abstract Guidelines can be found at <http://www.biology.pitt.edu/abstract>.

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12. Undergrad Research Symposium – Feb 2, 4-5:30pm, Langley Hall

SAVE THE DATE!

Interested in learning about the research your peers are conducting in labs all across campus? Come check out the Undergraduate Research Symposium!

This symposium is great for those who want to learn about research happening in labs across campus and for those who are interested in joining a lab to connect with other undergrads.

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13. Personal Statement/Cover Letter Workshop – Feb 9, 3:30pm, Langley A202

Attend this workshop if you need tips and advice on writing a personal statement for program applications or cover letters for job applications?

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14. Academic Success Workshops

For more info & register: <https://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/connected-community/academic-success-workshops>

- Plan Your Success: Jan 17
- Time Management: Jan 23, Mar 16
- Study Skills Boot Camp: Jan 26, Mar 13
- Study Smarter, Not Harder: Feb 6
- How to Succeed in the Sciences: Feb 12

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15. Pitt HOSA Spring Economics Research Opportunity

This semester, selected students will get the distinct opportunity of working on a research project in collaboration with Pitt HOSA through the University of Pittsburgh’s Department of Economics. This will be a position under the guidance of Dr. Osea Giuntella that may lead to a permanent lab position and publishing opportunities.

The projects will be related to health and behavioral economics. Currently, Dr. Giuntella’s work includes analyzing how sleep influences people’s economic choices by using Fitbits to track their sleep routines and sleep duration, studying the impact of Medicaid expansion on opioid use, and evaluating how each state’s patient safety policies affect patient outcomes, medical decisions, and medical malpractice. This is an exciting new opportunity that you should take advantage of if you are interested in research, medicine, economics, or healthcare policy.

More info & apply: <https://goo.gl/21gEQQ> (deadline extended)

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16. Pitt Association for Blind Meeting – Jan 18, 7pm, WPU 538

If you're interested in attending and creating a couple monthly events at the Western PA School for the Blind, feel free to attend this meeting to find out more!

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17. Workshop for new UTAs – Jan 19, 3-5pm, Thaw 104

Interested UTAs can register for the workshop [here](#). **The deadline to RSVP is 5 pm on Tuesday, January 16.**

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 19 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.

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18. Diversity Career Conference – Jan 20, 9:30am-2pm, WPU

This conference is designed to help students prepare to navigate the complexities of a diverse workplace, as well as understand how to overcome barriers to employment.

More info & register: <https://goo.gl/QkLh21>

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19. Yoga & Writing Workshop – Jan 22, 6-8pm, Center for Creativity

The Stress Free Zone and Center for Creativity team up for a Yoga & Writing Workshop!

Co-led by Hallie Stotsky (Stress Free Zone) and Erik Schuckers (Center for Creativity), this unique workshop begins with 60 minutes of yoga for all levels, where participants practice moving their bodies and connecting their breath to clear their minds. The group then moves through creative sequences with modifications for all body types.

Please wear comfortable clothing you can move in, and come with an open mind! This workshop is free and open to all members of the University of Pittsburgh community: No previous experience with yoga or writing required and all materials, including yoga mats and notebooks, will be provided.

More info & register: [Yoga & Writing Workshop](#)

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20. Spring Health Professions Info Sessions

The initial session for freshmen and transfer students interested in the health professions will assist you as you explore the academic and experiential credentials needed for your future career.

Dates: Feb 4, Mar 18
Times: 5-6pm
Location: Langley A221

Sign up here: <https://goo.gl/RH1Yee>

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21. AAMC Med Application Fee Assistance

The AAMC believes that the cost for applying to medical school should not be a financial barrier to those

interested in becoming physicians. To help defray some of the costs, the AAMC provides fee assistance to eligible MCAT examinees and AMCAS applicants.

More info & register: <http://www.pitt.vfairs.com/>

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22. Coalition for Pre-Health Students Town Hall – Jan 18, 7-8pm, Cathedral G8

The Coalition of Pre-Health Students (CPHS) at Pitt is hosting a Town Hall this upcoming Thursday, January 18 from 7-8pm in the Cathedral of Learning G8.

This Town Hall will allow pre-health students the opportunity to meet with pre-health advisors along with members from the Student Government Board and our own CPHS members, in order to provide feedback to the University regarding improvement of the pre-health experience at Pitt.

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23. School of Health & Rehab Sci Virtual Open House – Jan 29-Feb 2

The University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences is hosting its first-ever Virtual Open House January 29 - February 2, 2018!

More info & apply: <https://goo.gl/iXB1Uk>

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24. Institute for Health Metrics & Evaluation Internship – deadline Jan 23

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.

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

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25. Ohio U Osteopathic Med SURF – deadline Feb 1

The Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine will again host the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program. The SURF program provides a wide variety of summer research opportunities for undergraduate students interested in careers in medicine or biomedical research. Participants in this program work in an active research lab under the guidance of a biomedical science faculty member. The goal is to expose students to the challenges, excitement and satisfaction of research.

The SURF program is 7 weeks in length and includes room & board, a living allowance, 6 semester hours of biology credit from Ohio University and the potential for a guaranteed interview for the entering class at the medical school.

More info & apply: <https://www.ohio.edu/medicine/education/pre-med-education/summer-programs/surf.cfm>

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26. Pitt School of Med SURP – deadline Feb 1

The Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP) will begin May, 21, 2018 and end July 27, 2018.

SURP provides an intensive 10-week research experience designed to help undergraduates perform outstanding cutting edge research at Pitt. Students are matched with research mentors, participate in weekly seminars and lab meetings and conduct laboratory based research.

The program is administered by the Interdisciplinary Biomedical Graduate Program (IBGP) at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine - a premiere research center in the historic Oakland section of Pittsburgh. The School of Medicine provides an exceptional environment for students to gain research experience under the guidance of internationally recognized scientists.

More info & apply: <http://somgrad.pitt.edu/programs/summer-research/summer-undergraduate-research-program>

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27. Pitt Biological Sciences Mentor/Mentee Fellowship – deadline Feb 16

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.

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

Contact Dr. Nancy Kaufmann at nkaufman@pitt.edu with questions.

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28. Pitt Pymatuning REU – deadline Feb 19

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 frog thermal biology/preference in the dynamics of these infections. Room and board at the Pymatuning Lab of Ecology will be provided, along with transportation to and from the field station and a stipend of \$500/week.

The position is open to undergraduate students who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its possessions and are enrolled in a degree program (part-time or full-time) leading to a baccalaureate or associate degree. 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 February 19, 2018.

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

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29. Univ. of Georgia Bio Education Research – deadline Feb 19

The Undergraduate Biology Education Research (UBER) REU Site is a nine-week, NSF-funded program to involve undergraduates in designing and conducting research on undergraduate biology teaching and learning with mentorship from faculty from the University of Georgia Division of Biological Sciences and College of Education.

The goals of the program are to develop undergraduates' knowledge and skills in biology education research, encourage undergraduates to pursue doctoral study of biology teaching and learning, expand the diversity of the talent pool in biology education research, and contribute to the development of theory and knowledge about biology education in ways that can inform undergraduate biology instruction.

More info & apply: <http://uber.coe.uga.edu/>

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30. Pitt Dept of Biomedical Informatics Trainee Program – deadline Apr 1

Once again the Department of Biomedical Informatics is recruiting for up to **FOUR** paid summer research internships (~37hrs/wk) in the Department of Biomedical Informatics for students from underrepresented backgrounds.

<http://www.dbmi.pitt.edu/training-programs/summer-short-term-trainee-program> is the posting

<https://apply-intern.dbmi.pitt.edu/> is the application portal.

<https://ibric.dbmi.pitt.edu/> is the website of the program and cohort of students they will join.

Contact Dr. David Boone at booned@upmc.edu if you have questions.

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31. National Scholarship Advising

The University Honors College provides guidance and support to undergraduate students and alumni who are interested in pursuing national and international scholarships, fellowships, and grants. These competitive awards create enriching educational opportunities for students that include domestic and international research, foreign language acquisition, and postbaccalaureate study.

More info: <https://pre.honorscollege.pitt.edu/national-scholarship-advising>

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32. Udall Scholarship – deadline Feb 5

Are you a sophomore or junior committed to environmental issues? Apply for the Udall Undergraduate Scholarship.

The award provides \$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 & apply: <https://goo.gl/G9bbAX>

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33. OUR Summer Undergraduate Research Award – deadline Feb 26

The Summer Undergraduate Research Awards (SURA) provide a \$3,500 stipend to conduct independent research over the summer. Titles of recent SURA topics range from Internet Memes and Popular Culture to The Mirror and the Mind: Medieval Literary Mirrors and the Neuroscience of the Mirror Response. SURA recipients also enroll in a 12-week summer SURA course to learn how to communicate their research findings to a general audience.

All SURA recipients participate in an ethics workshop. Because ethical concerns are inherent in every kind of research, the ethics workshop provides students, faculty, and staff with a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the kinds of ethical concerns that will guide young scholars far into the future.

More info & apply: <http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/research/awards-and-funding#summer-undergraduate-research-awards>

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34. Brackenridge Summer Research Fellowship – deadline Mar 2

These fellowships are named for Hugh Brackenridge (1748-1816), the founder of the University of Pittsburgh. They support full-time undergraduate students on the Oakland campus while they devote full-effort to conducting an independent research or creative project under the guidance of a faculty or graduate student mentor. These Fellowships are open to undergraduates from any field.

More info & apply: <https://goo.gl/RnA1xy>

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35. Health Sciences Summer Research Fellowship – deadline Mar 2

The Honors College - Health Sciences (HCHS) Summer Research Fellowship Program was launched in May 2014. It is intended for full-time Pitt undergraduate students on the Oakland campus who are currently engaged in biomedical research and plan to pursue a career in one of the health-related fields.

More info & apply: <https://goo.gl/9GR5K8>

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