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### **Bio Advising Newsletter – 1/23/2018**

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### 1. Pre-Enrollment Advising Meetings

We are now having appointments for long-term planning and to have your hold lifted for Summer and Fall classes. Appointment sheets for Christine, Ellen, Jessica, and Kevin are out in A258 Langley.

- Summer enrollment begins Feb 12
- Fall enrollment begins March 26

BRING YOUR BLUE ADVISING FOLDER AND UPDATED PLAN TO YOUR MEETING.

***Newly Declared students must attend a Group Advising Meeting prior to signing up for an Individual Advising Meeting.***

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### 2. Extended Drop – deadline Jan 26

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

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### 3. Extended Drop Questions Walk-In Hours

Are you considering dropping a class and want to talk it over with one of the four advisors? See our walk-in hours below, exclusively for extended drop questions. The actual drop needs to be done in 140 Thackeray.

Thursday, Jan 25: 1-2pm with Jessica  
Thursday, Jan 25: 3-4pm with Ellen  
Friday, Jan 26: 12-1pm with Kevin  
Friday, Jan 26: 3-4pm with Christine

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### 4. S/NC Grade Option Change – deadline Feb 2

Before February 2, you can change your grade option by filling out a Grade Option Change Form 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. Biology Peer Advisors Office Hours

Our 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!

Check out the Peer Advisor Blog: <https://pittbioblog.weebly.com/>

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

- Tuesdays @ 1-2pm: Lisa Coe & Michaela Schreyer
- Wednesdays @ 11am-12pm: Grace Lee & Hana Mujkovic
- Thursdays @ 4-5pm: Hannah Han & Ramya Saravanan
- Fridays @ 10-11am: Owen Poling & Nora Mosch

### Setting Up for Success Tip #1: Write down all major dates for each class

- Write down all major dates (exams, papers, presentations) for each of your classes so you have a “master syllabus” to keep track of everything you have to do. This is much easier than flipping between four or five different syllabi.
- Try this 2-Method Approach:
  - The first is a list of all important dates in a OneNote document. This is so you can access it on your phone and laptop. If you have a physical planner, the notes section is a good place for this as well.
  - Secondly, have each assignment and due date written on a colored-coded post-it note, stick it to your desk, in chronological order. As each assignment is complete, take the post-it note down (you would not believe the satisfaction that comes from this simple action).
- With both of these methods, the semester is laid out in front of you! The earlier you do this, the better--you’ll be able to detect weeks when you have two exams back-to-back or a test on Friday followed by a paper due the following Monday.

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## 6. Walk-In Resume/CV Feedback with Ellen

Ellen will be holding walk-in hours in for resume/CV feedback on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Bring a copy of your resume/CV if you want to review it with her!

Where: A257 Langley

When:

- Every Tuesday from 12:30-1:30pm
- Every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30pm

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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. PULSE Fellowship – deadline Mar 1

PULSE cultivates a community of young servant leaders to transform Pittsburgh by inviting talented university graduates to partner with Pittsburgh nonprofits for a year of service and leadership.

More info & apply: <http://pulsepittsburgh.org/>

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**9. 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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**10. 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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**11. Panther 2 Panther Tutoring (FREE)**

Panther to Panther Tutoring provides free group or one-on-one tutoring for Pitt students in many subjects, including Biology. The tutors are all members of the academic honor society Phi Eta Sigma who have done well in the course. The tutors are very flexible, and students can set up appointments as often as they would like, be that weekly meetings or a single session.

If you are interested, please email Grace at [cph28@pitt.edu](mailto:cph28@pitt.edu) with your course, and she will put you in contact with a tutor as long as there is one available. Other subjects offered include, but are not limited to, Organic Chem, Calculus, Physics, and Statistics.

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**12. Internship Week – Jan 22-29**

Meet internship recruiters, build your search skills, and kick off your internship search with the Pitt Internship Team! Click events for details. "Join" events in Handshake to receive reminder emails.

For a list of events: <http://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cdpa/internships/>

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**13. Pizza and Healthcare Policy Lecture – Jan 25, 7-8pm, Parran G23**

Learn about healthcare policy and get free pizza! Hosted by CPHS featuring A. Everette James, JD, MBA, the Director of the University of Pittsburgh's Health Policy Institute.

As the former Secretary of Health of Pennsylvania, as well as a former lobbyist in DC, Professor James is not someone who solely shares "how it should be," but instead is uniquely positioned to share "how it is." His frank and engaging lecture style is sure to make for a great hour, and you are guaranteed to learn about the health care market, policy, and the political circumstances that influence health care in the United States.

A. Everette James Biography: <https://goo.gl/4efiJ9>

Sign-up here: [www.tinyurl.com/pizzaandpolicy](http://www.tinyurl.com/pizzaandpolicy)

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**14. International Service Learning Club Meeting – Jan 29, 10:30pm, David Lawrence 106**

The International Service Learning Club goes on medical service volunteer trips. This spring break, they are sending groups to Belize and Colombia! Attend the next meeting for more information.

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### **15. ACC Meeting of the Minds Research Conference – deadline Feb 2**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Meeting of the Minds will be held at Boston College from April 6-April 8, 2018. 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://provost.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/Pitt\\_ACC\\_MOM\\_announcement\\_2018.pdf](http://provost.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/Pitt_ACC_MOM_announcement_2018.pdf)

More information about the Meeting of the Minds Conference at Boston College can be found at <http://www.bc.edu/offices/avp/2018mm.html>

Applications from students or their faculty mentors can be sent to Professor Meriney at [meriney@pitt.edu](mailto:meriney@pitt.edu) by February 2, 2018. Notification of acceptance will be made shortly thereafter.

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### **16. 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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### **17. Podiatric Med Virtual Fair – Feb 7**

The American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine would like to invite you and your students to register for the Virtual Podiatric Medical School Fair on February 7, 2018 from 11AM to 6PM eastern.

This is a FREE event for college students who are interested in exploring careers in medicine. We'll be covering podiatric medicine as a career choice - from surgery to wound care to sport medicine, podiatric physicians provide a wide range of care for their patients.

Representative from each of the nine U.S. schools of podiatric medicine will be available during the day to chat. Additionally, we'll have current students, faculty and DPM Speakers and Mentors available to share why they chose podiatric medicine.

More info & register: <http://careereco.com/events/podiatry>

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### **18. Darwin Day – Feb 14, 7pm, Duquesne Power Center**

Join Drs. Rosemary and Peter Grant, Professors in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Princeton University, as they discuss the progress that has been made in our understanding of speciation with special reference to the young radiation of Darwin's Finches of the Galápagos Islands, drawing on the results of their long-term field study of finch populations spanning several decades, combined with laboratory investigations of the molecular genetic basis of beak development.

More info: <http://www.duq.edu/darwin>

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### **19. Spring STEM Career + Internship Fair – Feb 15-16, 11am-3pm, WPU**

Start preparing for the Spring STEM Career Fair!

More info & register: [https://pitt.joinhandshake.com/career\\_fairs/3646](https://pitt.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/3646)

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## 20. Pitt iGEM Research – deadline Feb 5

The International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) competition is a research competition in which over 300 teams from around the world further the field of synthetic biology and present their research at the annual Giant Jamboree in Boston. Every summer, multidisciplinary teams of university students have the opportunity to build, test, and measure a system of their own design using interchangeable biological parts and standard molecular biology techniques. Projects allow students to tackle issues in the world while utilizing principles in synthetic biology.

The Pitt iGEM team is looking for creative, motivated students to join the 2018 team. Students will spend 12 weeks in the summer performing paid, full-time research at Pitt and attend the Giant Jamboree from October 24-28th.

More info & apply: <https://www.facebook.com/pittigem/>

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## 21. 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](mailto:nkaufman@pitt.edu) with questions.

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## 22. 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 of 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](mailto: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](mailto:cori.zawacki@pitt.edu)).

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**23. Houston Zoo College Conservation Internship – deadline Mar 15**

The Houston Zoo Collegiate Conservation Program is a 10-week internship sponsored by ExxonMobil. The Houston Zoo is committed to cultivating the next generation of conservation heroes. Each summer 10 interns are selected to train, learn, and work at the Houston Zoo and regional conservation partners.

More info & apply: <https://www.houstonzoo.org/collegiate-conservation-program/>

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**24. 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](mailto:booned@upmc.edu) if you have questions.

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**25. 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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**26. 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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**27. 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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**28. 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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**29. 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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