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Bio Advising Newsletter – 10/18/2016

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

1. Spring Enrollment Advising Appointments - **(MAKE APPOINTMENTS NOW)**

ENROLLMENT BEGINS IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS! Sign up NOW for an individual advising meeting to have your spring advising hold lifted!

Use the sign-up sheets in A258 Langley. PLEASE! Be mindful when selecting a time, to prevent missing your appointment.

If you miss your appointment, you have to sign up to meet with an advisor for after October 31.

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2. Enrollment Dates

NOW - your online enrollment appointment is available in Student Center (The day and time that PeopleSoft has assigned for you to enter the system and enroll in Spring classes.)

NOW - PeopleSoft Class Search/Shopping Cart available

NOW - Spring course descriptions available at <http://www.courses.as.pitt.edu>

WEEK of Oct 31 - Spring registration begins

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3. Are you currently abroad?

To get your hold lifted, email an advisor the following:

- Name
- PeopleSoft #
- All classes you plan for spring (department code + 4-digit catalog number)
- Email subject line: Advising from Abroad (Your first and last name)

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4. Final Exams Conflict Procedure – deadline Oct 21 (FRIDAY)

If you have THREE FINALS on the SAME DAY (or 24 hour period), you should work with your professors to see if one can accommodate you.

1. Complete an Exam Conflict Accommodation Form, on which The Registrar confirms that you have 3 finals on the same day.
2. Take this form to your professors to see if any can accommodate you.
3. If no professor will move your exam, then the Registrar will select which exam is to be moved.

If you need the Registrar's help, you must have completed the form, contacted all your professors first and turn in the form no later than October 21.

To check final exams schedule: <https://goo.gl/aOTv2Q>
For final exams conflict form: <https://goo.gl/SFvuQg>

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5. Monitored Withdrawal – deadline Oct 28

Up until October 28, you may withdraw from a course by completing a Monitored Withdrawal Request form. The form for withdrawing from a Dietrich School course is available in the Office of Student

Records in 140 Thackeray Hall. A W grade will be assigned for the course. A W grade does not impact a student's GPA.

Withdrawing from a course does not adjust a student's tuition or fee obligations. However, withdrawing from a course may jeopardize satisfactory academic progress, financial aid, and athletic eligibility.

See an advisor if you want to discuss Withdrawal options.

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6. Getting to Know Pitt Public Health – Oct 18-21

The Graduate School of Public Health is doing a number of "Get to know Public Health" events this week (TUE Oct 18 to FRI Oct 21) in conjunction with Pitt's Grad School Days.

[Pitt's Grad School Days - Getting to Know Pitt Public Health](#)

Classroom Visits at Pitt Public Health (Oct 18-21)

Tuesday, October 18 – BCHS 2554: Introduction to Community Health

Wednesday, October 19 – BCHS 2575: Seminar in Maternal & Child Health

Thursday, October 20 – BCHS 2523: Public Health Program Planning and Proposal Writing

Friday, October 21 – IDM 2010: Pathogen Biology

Some classrooms have limited capacity. If interested, please contact Renee Hill (rthill@pitt.edu).

Pitt Public Health Informational Session (Oct 20)

Thursday, October 20, 3:30-5:30 p.m. A215 Crabtree

Learn about career opportunities in the multidisciplinary field of public health! Find out how you can identify the best graduate schools or programs to meet your goals, how to prepare for graduate school, and what steps are involved in the application process. Pizza and cookies provided.

RSVPs are not necessary, but appreciated. Please contact Renee Hill (rthill@pitt.edu).

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7. Greater Pittsburgh Law Fair – Oct 19, 11am-2pm, WPU

Meet law school recruiters from some of the top schools in the country! This event is open to all students and alumni of Western Pennsylvania universities.

Check Student Affairs website for more details: <https://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cdpa/events/>

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8. Pitt Grad School Fair – Oct 19, 4-6pm, WPU

Schools of Business, Dental Medicine, Education, Engineering, Info Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Public Health, Public & International Affairs, Social Work, Health & Rehab Sciences.

Get answers to questions about admissions, tuition, fees, finance & career opportunities!

For more info: <https://goo.gl/wyIrkM>

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9. Duquesne Univ. Graduate Science Open House – Oct 22, 11am-3pm, Duquesne

Attend this year's Bayer School Fall Open House for graduate programs: Biological Sciences Ph.D. Biotechnology M.S. Chemistry and Biochemistry Ph.D. Environmental Science and Management M.S.

Speak with faculty and graduate students about their latest science research. Learn about financial

aid options such as Ph.D. stipends and tuition waivers, fellowships, scholarships, and our 25% tuition award program. Tour cutting-edge labs and facilities, equipped with modern instrumentation.

More info & register: <https://goo.gl/fGiU8G>

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10. CMU Paid Summer Fellowships for Juniors

Students currently in their **junior year** of college (from any major) are eligible to apply to two distinct summer fellowships hosted by CMU's Heinz College:

- [Public Policy and International Affairs \(PPIA\) Junior Summer Institute](#)
- [IT Lab: Summer Security Intensive \(SSI\)](#)

Each program is a 7-week in-residence experience and feature:

- Specialized courses taught by CMU faculty: Fellows earn CMU academic credit for coursework (eligible for transfer to home institution)
- \$1,000 stipend + the costs of housing, meals, books, supplies, social functions, and travel expenses to and from Pittsburgh
- A scholarship of **at least 50%** of graduate school tuition, if admitted to and enroll in a master's program at Heinz College.

Any questions? Please contact David Eber (deber@cmu.edu or 412-268-3347).

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11. Computational Biology Lab Recruiting Student Volunteers

The Durrant lab, in the Department of Computational Biology and Drug Discovery, is looking to recruit undergraduate student volunteers ASAP!

The lab develops and applies cutting-edge computational methods to simulate how small molecules (i.e., "ligands") bind to proteins. The goal is to find ways of identifying new leads and molecular probes for use in drug discovery and basic-science research. Skills with Python and web programming (e.g., Javascript, html, etc.) are certainly useful.

Current projects focus on visualizing molecules ("video games with proteins"), using machine learning to predict how drugs/probes bind to their protein targets, and creating a web-app framework to make Durrant-lab software more accessible for end users.

If you're interested in the interface between biology and computer science, take a look at <https://durrantlab.com> and contact Jacob Durrant at durrantj@pitt.edu to schedule a chat.

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12. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Info Session – Oct 19, 12pm, 3704 Cathedral

The Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship was established to bolster undergraduate training in National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) mission sciences, as well as increase environmental literacy. The Hollings Scholarship Program provides successful undergraduate applicants with awards that include academic assistance (up to \$9,500 per year) for two years of full-time study and a 10-week, full-time internship position (\$700/week) during the summer at a NOAA facility. Applicants should be majoring in a discipline including, but not limited to, oceanic, environmental, biological, and atmospheric sciences; mathematics; engineering; computer and

information sciences; remote sensing technology; or physical and social sciences including geography, physics, hydrology, geomatics, or teacher education that support NOAA's programs and mission.

More info: <http://www.noaa.gov/office-education/hollings-scholarship>

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13. Spring Brackenridge Research Fellowship – deadline Nov 14

This fellowship is named for the founder of the University of Pittsburgh, Hugh Henry Brackenridge. It supports University of Pittsburgh undergraduates who conduct an independent research project, participate in a weekly seminar in which Fellows present and discuss their projects, and attend a series of (almost) weekly faculty lectures. The fellowship awards a stipend of \$800; in addition, it requires students to register for 1 credit of research.

More info: <http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/fall-spring-brackenridge-fellowships>

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14. G. Alec Stewart Student Achievement Award – deadline Nov 14

As the University Honors College marked its 25th anniversary in 2012, it inaugurated the G. Alec Stewart Student Achievement Awards to honor its founding Dean who provided the vision for the College and guided its influence at the University during its first 23 years. These Awards recognize students in their junior year who are judged to best symbolize the values of the UHC and of the University generally. Up to four students will be selected annually for this Award, each to receive a prize of \$1,000.

More info: <http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/stewartaward>

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15. Clarkston Scholars Program – deadline Jan 15

Each year, the Clarkston Scholars Program provides one sophomore attending a four-year college or university undergraduate program in Pennsylvania, majoring in a life sciences related field of study, a \$10,000 scholarship award (\$5,000 per year for junior and senior year). In addition, the Clarkston Scholar will receive exposure to the life sciences industry through mentoring with Clarkston Consulting and participation in Pennsylvania Bio events over the course of the two-year scholarship award period.

More info: <http://clarkstonconsulting.com/our-story/culture/clarkston-scholars/>

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Birding and Ornithology Club

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pittbirdingclub@gmail.com

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Biology Club – Alternate Mondays, 8pm, A221 Langley

10/24, 11/7, 11/21, 12/5

www.facebook.com/groups/upittbiologyclub
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Dental Science Club – Alternate Mondays, 9pm, 216 Cathedral

10/24, 11/7, 11/21, 12/5

www.facebook.com/groups/pittdentalscienceclub
pittdentclub@gmail.com

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Ecology Club – Alternate Tuesdays, 8:45pm, 540 WPU
10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/8

ecologyclubpitt@gmail.com
List of officers: <https://goo.gl/lcFCWw>

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Pitt Medlife
www.facebook.com/groups/285270411670195
pittmedlife@gmail.com

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POMS – Fridays, 5:30pm, 324 Cathedral
<http://www.poms.us>
pomspitt@gmail.com
<https://list.pitt.edu/mailman/listinfo/poms>

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Pre-PA Association – Alternate Wednesdays, 9pm, 527 WPU
10/26, 11/9, 12/7

pittppaa@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/523230964458833/>

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Pre-Vet Club – Alternate Thursdays, 8pm, Langley Lobby
10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1, 12/8

pittprevet@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/441907539257843/>
List of officers: <https://goo.gl/5XFNqh>

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TRI-BETA – Alternate Wednesdays, 8pm, A221 Langley
10/26, 11/9, 12/7

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Until next week,

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