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**Bio Advising Newsletter – 11/1/2016**

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**1. Advising Appointments & Quick Questions**

Enrollment is under way! If you haven't had your hold removed for Spring classes, come in and see

us in A258 Langley Hall! We can lift your academic advising hold even if you have a financial hold, please come see us!

If you have already had your appointment and still have questions, we are here to help. Please stop by.

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## 2. Electronic Waitlists for Spring

If used incorrectly, the waitlist will skip you - without any notification. Check out the FAQ's <http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/faq.html>

There is no guarantee with waitlists. So, if you are on a waitlist for spring, come up with a plan B for if you do not get into this course.

We would be happy to help you come up with a plan B, come see us in the Advising Office!

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## 3. Seniors: Apply for April Graduation – Oct 31-Nov 11

Graduating in April 2017? Head over to 140 Thackeray Hall between October 31-November 11 to pick up and return your *Application for Graduation*. FREE TO APPLY!

Things you need to be able to graduate:

1. Enroll in remaining BIOSC, co-req, gen eds, and wildcard credits
2. Apply to graduate
3. Earn a "C" or better in all BIOSC major classes (and in CHEM 0110 & 0120)
4. Maintain a 2.0 GPA in all BIOSC major classes
5. Maintain a 2.0 GPA in co-requisite classes
6. Reach 120 credits

Double check everything before the end of add/drop in the spring or reach out to an advisor!

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## 4. Seniors: Pre-Doctoral Fellowships with Emory University

Marcus Autism Center, in conjunction with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Emory University School of Medicine, is offering two-year fellowships in four scientific subspecialties. Fellows will participate in innovative research to provide novel solutions to complex problems in a robust clinical environment.

All four fellowship tracks are paid, two-year positions, with full health care coverage.

- [Donald J. Cohen Fellowship in Developmental Social Neuroscience](#)
- [Simons Fellowship in Computational Neuroscience](#)
- [Simons Fellowship in Design Engineering](#)
- [Marcus Fellowship in Speech Science and Engineering](#)

Timeline for All Fellowships:

Application deadline: January 6, 2017

Invitation for an interview: Late January or Early February 2017

Interview: Mid to Late February  
Fellowship Start Date: July 5, 2017

More info: <http://www.pediatrics.emory.edu/divisions/autism/quicklink/fellow.html>

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**5. Diversity Career Conference & Fair – Nov 3**

Designed to help students prepare to navigate the complexities of a diverse workplace, as well as learn how to overcome barriers to employment.

For event details: <https://goo.gl/dcD33y>

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**6. Election Day: Where to Vote! – Nov 8**

Registered to vote in PA? Do you know where to go? Do you know who else is on the ballot?

Voting locations are open 7am-8pm.

Input your address for info on who is on the ballot: <https://g.co/kgs/E8zRAI>

Campus Housing Voting Locations:

<http://www.cgr.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/pictures/Campus%20Housing%20polling%20places.pdf>

Off-Campus Voting Locations: <https://www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx>

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**7. Pitt Public Health Open House – Nov 11**

Visit Pitt Public Health to learn about opportunities for a great education.

Open House includes overviews of the departments and programs, student organizations, research and practice centers, admissions, and financial aid.

More info and register: <http://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/home/admissions-aid/visit/open-house/open-house-registration>

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**8. Advising Center Peer Advisor Application – deadline Nov 14**

The Advising Center is now accepting applications for the Peer Advisor program. Peer Advisors support the front desk operations of the Advising Center, and serve as an important resource for undergraduate students with questions about scheduling courses, deciding on a major/minor/certificate, and various other concerns.

Interested students are encouraged to apply for an intern position by the November 14<sup>th</sup> deadline. The internship includes a two-credit training course meeting weekly on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00pm during the Spring 2017 semester.

Contact Ed Giles ([ed.giles@pitt.edu](mailto:ed.giles@pitt.edu)) for questions or for the application form.

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**9. Interested in starting new club? – Synapse**

Synapse empowers students to work together to improve the lives of those living with brain injury by supporting chapters at universities across the nation. The national team provides training sessions and written resources to educate chapter leaders about brain injury, creating effective support groups, and building community partnerships. The advisors are available to help students overcome

obstacles and answer questions as they arise.

Join Stanford and MIT in this unique community!

Applications to found a chapter here at Pitt are due November 15!

More info: <https://synapsenational.wordpress.com/start-a-chapter/>

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### 10. Interested in joining new club? – SEVENSEAS

SEVENSEAS is a non-profit organization that produces an online magazine about ocean conversation, and hopes to inspire the next generation of conservationists. They partner with many well-known organizations including, but not limited to, The Ocean Foundation, The World Wildlife Fund, IUCN, Mission Blue, and the United Nations Environmental Programme.

The goal of the club is to raise awareness of current events regarding marine life and conservation endeavors, as well as to create an environment for students to discuss the ocean with other's who share the same passion.

Contact Person: Jordan Katz, [jak238@pitt.edu](mailto:jak238@pitt.edu)

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### 11. Caltech Summer Research

[Caltech](#) is excited to announce two summer research opportunities available to continuing undergraduate students. Questions about these programs can be directed to Carol Casey ([casy@caltech.edu](mailto:casy@caltech.edu)) or (626) 395-2887.

The WAVE Fellows program provides support for talented undergraduates intent on pursuing a Ph.D. to conduct a 10-week summer research project at Caltech.

**Support:** WAVE Fellows will receive a \$6000 award for the ten-week program. An additional \$500 housing and travel supplement will be provided.

**Application:** Online applications are due January 10, 2017.

For more information, visit <http://www.sfp.caltech.edu/programs/wavefellows>

Caltech's Amgen Scholars Program is geared towards students in biology, chemistry, and biotechnology fields. Some of these fields include biology, biochemistry, bioengineering, chemical and biomolecular engineering, and chemistry.

**Eligibility:** Students must be current sophomores through non-graduating seniors, must be attending a four-year university in the US, and must be U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents. A minimum GPA of 3.2 is required.

**Support:** Amgen Scholars will receive a \$6000 award, round-trip air transportation, campus housing, and a food allowance.

**Application:** Online applications are due February 15, 2017.

For more information, please visit [www.sfp.caltech.edu/programs/amgen\\_scholars](http://www.sfp.caltech.edu/programs/amgen_scholars)

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### 12. 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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**13. 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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**14. Summer Study Abroad Scholarships – deadline Jan 9**

Nationality Rooms and Intercultural Exchange Programs

The Nationality Rooms have awarded scholarships for summer study abroad annually since 1948. The purpose of the awards is to enable University of Pittsburgh students to have an in-depth immersion in another culture for at least five weeks.

If you plan to study abroad next summer, check the eligibility requirements and the list of individual scholarships on the other side of this page. Applicants may apply for two scholarships, but can only receive one. The welcome students of all majors and courses of study.

For detailed information and to sign up for an information session, go to: <http://www.nationalityrooms.pitt.edu/node/1215>.

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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**

[www.facebook.com/groups/302359673107538/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/302359673107538/)  
[pittbirdingclub@gmail.com](mailto:pittbirdingclub@gmail.com)

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**Biology Club – Alternate Mondays, 8pm, A221 Langley**

11/7, 11/21, 12/5

[www.facebook.com/groups/upittbiologyclub](http://www.facebook.com/groups/upittbiologyclub)  
[upittbiologyclub@gmail.com](mailto:upittbiologyclub@gmail.com)

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**Dental Science Club – Alternate Mondays, 9pm, 216 Cathedral**

11/7, 11/21, 12/5

[www.facebook.com/groups/pittdentalscienceclub](http://www.facebook.com/groups/pittdentalscienceclub)  
[pittdentclub@gmail.com](mailto:pittdentclub@gmail.com)

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

[ecologyclubpitt@gmail.com](mailto:ecologyclubpitt@gmail.com)  
List of officers: <https://goo.gl/lcFCWw>

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**Pitt Medlife**  
[www.facebook.com/groups/285270411670195](http://www.facebook.com/groups/285270411670195)  
[pittmedlife@gmail.com](mailto:pittmedlife@gmail.com)

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

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

[pittppaa@gmail.com](mailto:pittppaa@gmail.com)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/523230964458833/>

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

[pittprevet@gmail.com](mailto: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**  
11/9, 12/7

[www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt](http://www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt)  
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List of officers: <https://goo.gl/fsBiHi>

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