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1. **Advising Appointments – Schedule Now!**

Enrollment continues!

If you haven’t already, please schedule your Advising Meeting now!

While you may prefer a certain advisor, you are not assigned to a specific advisor and can book with any of the 6 advisors (we are equal in function) for the purpose of having your Spring enrollment hold lifted.

***NEWLY DECLARED STUDENTS - once you have completed your Orientation on Canvas, you can schedule your advising appointment. Please be sure to email your documents to your advisor!***

During the month of November, we will continue offering Pre-Enrollment Appointments, as well as General Advising Appointments:

* **Pre-Enrollment Appointment –** This is a 30-minute appointment designed for planning and discussion of Spring and Summer 2021 scheduling, and for lifting advising holds. These appointments are reserved for majors only.
* **General Advising Appointment** – This is a 30-minute appointment designed for in-depth discussions of academic planning, career goals, extracurriculars, and more complex issues. Non-majors and prospective students are welcome to make these appointments through the end of September

Schedule using the Navigate Student app or access the Navigate Student [website](https://pitt.guide.eab.com/app/#!/authentication/remote/).

After you schedule an appointment, your advisor will send you a Zoom meeting invite. The email may also include a request for the following:

* An up to date copy of your [Progress Tracker](https://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/forms)
* An up to date copy of your [Semester Planner](https://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/forms) (don’t stress if you aren’t sure of your plan yet!)
* An idea of the questions you have for your advisor.

***\*\* Please submit these documents prior to your appointment. \*\****

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1. **UTA, Research, and Independent Study Enrollment for Spring**

Enrolling for UTA, research or independent study credit for Spring 2021?  Follow these simple instructions…

1. Download a fillable form on our [website](https://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/forms).
2. Complete the form, along with all signatures.
3. Take a picture or screen shot of the completed and signed form and save it with your name (example: Lastname\_BIOSC1690 form).
4. Submit completed and **signed** forms  to this [quick survey](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3xTm5JfyGEhDz4p) **by 4:00pm on Friday, February 5, 2021!**

**\*\*\*If you are doing multiple experiences (for example, UTA and research), you must submit separate surveys for each.**

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1. **Academic Plan (Major, Minor, Certificate) Declaration Form – Back Online**

Students wishing to change/add/drop majors, minors or certificates can do so using [this online form](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0SySSwDynTnvCZL). Please note that the deadline to declare a major in the Dietrich School for the Spring 2021 term will be Monday, January 25.

You can also access the form on [this page](https://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/student-toolkit/forms).

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1. **Seniors – Graduation Application**

Seniors who plan to finish in April 2021 must apply for graduation. After you’ve enrolled in spring classes, go to the [Student Records website](https://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/student-toolkit/graduation) to complete your graduation application. The application deadline is Nov 5.

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1. **Departmental Honors (Research-Based) Application – deadline Nov 30**

Are you a current sophomore or junior who is actively doing research and are interested in eventually writing a thesis and earning departmental honors? This program may be for you!

More info & application: <https://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/advising-and-support/honors>

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1. **Second Annual Biology Halloween Costume Contest! VOTE!!!**

Have you wondered how anyone turned a biology-related structure/organism/process into a costume? Check out our Social Media to see some very creative costumes, and vote for your favorite!

First prize wins a **$25 Amazon gift card**! Everyone who participates wins the respect and admiration of the Bio Advising Office. And it is just plain fun.

All entries are posted on the Pitt Bio Advising Facebook and Instagram accounts. The costume with the most likes by Friday 11/6 at 8am will win!

Be sure to follow our Social Media to see pics!

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1. **Biology Peer Advisors – Office Hours**

Our Peer Advisors office hours are in full swing! These students are an **invaluable** **resource** for helping you navigate scheduling, bio classes, remote learning, gen eds, extracurriculars, take-out food, Netflix series, etc. They are here to share their experiences in and out of the classroom. Definitely check in with them!

**Fall Schedule:**

Monday 11:00 – 12:00 Kayla & Peter [https://pitt.zoom.us/j/93436310447](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.zoom.us%2Fj%2F93436310447&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C85e276b3294e4513dc1008d84e131e5b%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637345191303044300&sdata=lr2blObAVJXZt7eGkWHJePt0nphlAfFl7tCePnymlfc%3D&reserved=0)

Monday 2:00 – 3:00 Jacob & Luke [https://pitt.zoom.us/j/95151233172](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.zoom.us%2Fj%2F95151233172&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7Cb36ceccb60964d07b22f08d84de66303%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637344999179643106&sdata=R2xGZzB%2BAr3ALw961d%2FxjGVKy4QfMZ77XFIMYHnjeI4%3D&reserved=0)

Tuesday 2:45 – 3:45 Sarah & Sarah [https://pitt.zoom.us/j/92732583725](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.zoom.us%2Fj%2F92732583725&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C777b874fcf5442bb01df08d84dea63ec%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637345016381653626&sdata=6ijR3dA%2Fu8NUpdu73%2BaUCyjG8UcCFJVzw12%2BhdtuL6I%3D&reserved=0)

Thursday 11:00 – 12:00 Madison & Nicole [https://pitt.zoom.us/j/94822145512](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpitt.zoom.us%2Fj%2F94822145512&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C5bdc2d6509b74731544f08d84ddb4f9d%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C1%7C637344951612737199&sdata=y3I9h42l1LTbMmU10DjPjCS2YDD8YttixmuCFlSwaA4%3D&reserved=0)

<https://www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/peer_advising>

In the meantime, you can read about these students on our blog: [http://bit.ly/2BS5zg6](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2F2BS5zg6&data=02%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7Cfa95295199dc49fd885908d8437fcaf0%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637333563440163660&sdata=Vuv29tN9%2F25CzCSQxOIIAEnpD6nS9%2Fe40tuab%2BO8tYI%3D&reserved=0)

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1. **Bio Blog: Undergraduate Research**

This week on the PittBioBlog junior BIOSC major Jacob shares his experience getting involved in undergraduate research.

https://pittbioblog.weebly.com/blog/my-undergrad-research-story

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1. **Career Seminar Series – Biomanufacturing (Impossible Foods) – Nov 12**

The next career seminar will be given by Dr. Smita Shankar on Thursday, November 12th at 2:30PM. Smita is VP of Biomanufacturing at Impossible Foods, and began working at the company at the early stages of its development. Smita’s early and ongoing work in R&D has led to one of their highly popular products, the Impossible Burger. If you are interested in a career path similar to Smita’s, or simply want to learn more about how her work led to the development of the Impossible Burger in your stomach, please attend her seminar. Register [here](https://pitt.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJckfumorT0uH90bEGoitxLyd3M4J8atE4ma).

As a reminder, our career seminar series is an opportunity for all members of our department (including undergraduates, grad students, post docs, research techs, and other trainees) to learn more about different career paths. If you know anyone who may be interested in attending our virtual seminar, feel free to send them the link.

Also, you may register for our virtual coffee hour with Smita at this [link](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fforms%2Fd%2Fe%2F1FAIpQLSckFX_m7EKQFnQ8VxxhJDSncauYdZZ4t6es9X-PT0sjD0M4eQ%2Fviewform&data=04%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C15d6631a179d48edaa1308d880367e9a%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637400318842498353%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Fs0cO6eWzOLe1VaE07C5mglLMvLfxkQdyFcVDC62xn4%3D&reserved=0). This is an opportunity to meet with our speaker in a smaller group right after the seminar ends.

If you have more questions about the seminar, feel free to contact Elaine at ELN29@pitt.edu.

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1. **Pitt Bio Major Hoodies and Fleece – Last Week to Order!**

Last chance to order some warm and stylish Pitt Bio Major gear!

[ORDER HERE](https://pogo.undergroundshirts.com/collections/pitt-biological-sciences)!!! Make sure to scroll to the end to find your major, style, and color.

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1. **PittMed’s APSA Coffee with a Physician-Scientist Trainee Program**

The Pitt Chapter of the American Physician Scientists Association (APSA) aims to improve exposure to physician-scientist careers and provide mentorship to undergraduates interested in pursuing an MD/PhD or other physician-scientist career path.

APSA's Outreach Committee has started a [Coffee with a Physician-Scientist Trainee program](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fforms%2Fd%2Fe%2F1FAIpQLSeCcuKh0fWSjv09j1x2zBte1DBF7zYrU0OJ4y3vqC1qa6Xfuw%2Fviewform%3Fusp%3Dsf_link&data=04%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7Cfb1cf0f096ea488c1de708d87bfdffdb%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637395678156807581%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=gaNbBZEwqUot8nji9wsUIAiTE%2BNYIYs8MJQ8GOlM8K4%3D&reserved=0) to offer students interested in this training path an opportunity to chat with and ask questions to current trainees.

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1. **Summer Health Professions Education Program – Open to Freshmen and Sophomores**

SHPEP is a free six-week summer enrichment program focused on improving access to information and resources for college students interested in the health professions; furthermore, participating students will be awarded a stipend.

To be eligible for SHPEP, students must:

* Be a high school graduate and currently enrolled as a freshman or sophomore in college.
* Have a minimum overall college GPA of 2.5.
* Be a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident, or an individual in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.
* Not have previously participated in SHPEP

Please visit our [website](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.email.aamc.org%2F%3Fqs%3Dfd89fcd85bf5dfa318137ed6b745fcb56594d08c8233b849616dd92b675572c4f74074307dbd69242c1dae9ec89ab36a74647c2398090c1c&data=04%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7Cff66e5b13df54428af2f08d8800cd894%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637400139940266516%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=NFdr2M261Dt1s%2B9xV2eaDiRpMkwqdzNtD1zEgLAdOOY%3D&reserved=0) to learn more about the program. For additional questions, please contact shpep@aamc.org or 1 (866) 587- 6337 (toll-free).

**The application deadline for SHPEP 2021 is Feb. 5!**

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1. **Open Positions – MHS Labs – Monroeville, PA**

MHS Labs, a full-service clinical lab located in Monroeville, PA, has expanded and is seeking qualified individuals for various positions in our lab. MHS Labs offers COVID-19 PCR, COVID-19 antibody, and respiratory pathogens panel tests with accurate results in 24-48 hours. The following positions are available:

* Medical Technologist
* Molecular Laboratory Assistant
* Molecular Technologist

Click [here](https://medhealthservices.com/careers/) to see the open positions and job descriptions.

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1. **Pitt Business Professional Sales Academy – Spring 2021**

The Pitt Business Sales Academy is a program in conjunction with Swanson School of Engineering and Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences designed to provide students with high level knowledge and application to have a successful career in sales. Students will gain application information from sales professionals, corporate partners, and ultimately participate in a Sales Case Competition where scholarships will be awarded to winning teams.

Learn more [here](https://cba.pitt.edu/careers/student-career-development/pitt-business-professional-academies/pitt-business-professional-sales-academy/), or contact Becky Rhoades at rlr64@pitt.edu.

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1. **Internship Program Positions – Summer 2021 – USDA Forest Service Research Lab**

The USDA Forest Service Research Laboratory in Irvine, Pennsylvania will be offering up to four USDA Pathways Internship Program positions for summer 2020. The positions are open only to students enrolled in college.

The work will be conducted in and around the Allegheny National Forest of northwestern Pennsylvania and consists of surveying long-term vegetation monitoring plots in a project examining how reductions in deer populations affect understory plant communities.  Botanical/taxonomic skills are highly sought after, given the work will consist of vegetation surveys.

If interested, email alejandro.royodesedas@usda.gov your name, contact info, and a CV.

When the hiring window opens (next week!), all interested students will be contacted to submit their applications ASAP and will receive helpful hints to shepherd them through the complex USDA hiring process.

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1. **EEES Scholars Program at Dartmouth College – Applications due Nov 19**

The Ecology, Evolution, Environment & Society (EEES) Scholars Program at Dartmouth College is a workshop designed to diversify the next generation of academic leaders in the fields of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Earth Systems Science and Environmental Social Sciences.  We seek motivated students who are curious about graduate careers in the Environment and are looking for support in the graduate school application process.

The graduate application process can be opaque and difficult to navigate, presenting many barriers to prospective students. As part of efforts to increase the diversity and accessibility of graduate studies in ecology, evolutionary biology, environmental studies and earth systems, Dartmouth EEES encourages students to apply to the EEES Scholars Program. In this program, talented students (EEES Scholars) will be selected and invited to Dartmouth College for a 3-day period of virtual activities designed to provide the tools to expertly apply to graduate schools and gain a deeper understanding of the Dartmouth EEES program.

Current undergraduates, recent college graduates, current Masters students, recent Masters graduates and those that are currently or have recently worked in the public or private sector interested in pursuing graduate work in Ecology, Evolution, Environment & Society are all welcome to apply!

Visit our [website](https://sites.dartmouth.edu/eeesscholars/) to learn more.

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1. **Falk School Substitutes**

As a result of the current in-person learning model, the Falk School has a significantly increased need for a robust pool of substitute teachers who can assist on an as-needed, day-by-day basis.

If you are looking for occasional work as a substitute teacher, please consider the opportunity. Prior teaching or experience with children is beneficial but not a requirement.

The formal application is available [here](https://cfopitt.taleo.net/careersection/pitt_faculty_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=20000483&tz=GMT-04%3A00&tzname=America%2FNew_York).

If you have questions regarding these part-time, day-to-day positions, please contact Falk’s Director, Dr. Jeff Suzik, at jsuzik@pitt.edu.

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1. **WAVE Fellows Research Program – Underrepresented STEM Students**

The WAVE Fellows program provides support for undergraduate students, who are underrepresented in STEM and intent on pursuing a Ph.D., to conduct a 10-week summer research project under the mentorship of Caltech faculty.

Research opportunities in biology, neuroscience, chemistry, chemical engineering, engineering and applied science, geology, environmental science, sustainability, astronomy, physics, nanotechnology, quantum sciences, humanities, social science, and more!

Eligible students will be current sophomores, juniors, or non-graduating seniors and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2.

Research-specific [information sessions](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fr20.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D0012k5hsXkBGtqOutbCp3-5ZlQyp-g9COUDiNEahilE_Jt6eLapfjjKaY3vL6ngFxXWT_Lyemjk-IckhLhLWdCJeFW0jwyvbubQquqKsrH4gQbPoRaQ7BhCsX6QFTAozM6lNnsrmd7KDPcBmmcA_dB0E_CtrOhzVI3_2oxDCb9VCbVQ6JNCgwXLOTMUcBqxNIPUo4l7Sw8D97U%3D%26c%3Drk697rAoeMCM6zGW71xWA4rngUzwnUEzImoX16qqYJtkOHRArk2IRw%3D%3D%26ch%3DeJm57B27dE5OOTUako-SpLKCUyzBCAyiqFtWS8tb21R90Ae8Y5DwmA%3D%3D&data=04%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7C79ad030db86843b0ae0b08d87a14cb1a%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637393577003485267%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=YdxXNfQNo0brtJuKB1a728oDwOShl7fq33EK3dydOvU%3D&reserved=0)scheduled throughout November.

Applications due Jan 9.

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1. **International Employment – Company Overview – Nov 6**

Learn from international based companies who have a presence in the United States as well as abroad. Representatives will be doing a company overview as well as speaking to transferable skills they are looking for. They will also be covering benefits and challenges of working cross-culturally in the virtual world! At the end of each session you will be able to ask questions. We invite you to stay for all four presentations as they all have personal knowledge and unique perspective to share!

Date: November 6th from 1:00-4:00 pm

Handshake Event Link: <https://pitt.joinhandshake.com/events/590872>

Participating companies include PAE (Pacific Architects and Engineers), SAP, Lanxess, and Bayer.

The Zoom Link will be sent prior to the event. Please email brian.doyle@pitt.edu with any questions.

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1. **Pitt Commons Training Sessions**

Join us for training sessions to discover the rich opportunities available on this web-based hub for mentoring, networking and connecting with the Pitt community. Ask questions, dig deeper into engagement best practices and learn about useful features.

All sessions will be held via Zoom.  Please RSVP to commons@pitt.edu with the date(s) you wish to attend, and you will receive the link to join.

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1. **APPLYmania – Nov 10 – 12**

Are you ready to begin applying for jobs and internships, but not sure where to start? Join us for APPLYmania, a new event for juniors and seniors in the Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences.

At APPLYmania, you can get 1-on-1 guidance searching and applying for jobs and internships in Handshake. Handshake has thousands of available positions, and the Career Center can help find the right ones for you!

The event is targeted towards juniors and seniors and will take place Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 10, 11 and 12. Times vary each day.

Learn more on [this Student Affairs](https://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cdpa/events/) webpage.

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1. **Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal (BPSD) – Open House – Dec 1**

The [Biomedical Sciences Doctoral Portal](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmedschool.vcu.edu%2Feducation%2Fbsdp%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cbmcdevitt%40pitt.edu%7Cac1e27927f4146e0f74508d87f7a3d0c%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C637399510266471299%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=gHkmH3AZR213VdEyp%2BEoIMshaHKaJIj9HzlK2lxAIzw%3D&reserved=0) (BSDP) at Virginia Commonwealth University is hosting a virtual open house on Tuesday, December 1st from 4:00 – 6:00 PM EST. The BSDP oversees admissions for and recruits students into six Ph.D. programs within the School of Medicine. During the open house, Dr. Roxann Roberson-Nay, Assistant Dean for Graduate Recruitment and Admissions, will introduce the BSDP; the six Program Directors will provide information about their programs; you will have the opportunity to engage with students from each of the six programs in separate breakout rooms; and there will be plenty of time for questions. Register [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3ys5pkTpqudXxvR2XValmwyi8A7ftYMLOADc8t-BkfUiAAA/viewform).

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1. **Eli Lilly and Company Information Session – Nov 5 from 3 – 4 pm**

Eli Lilly and Company is an American pharmaceutical company headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, with offices in 18 countries. Its products are sold in approximately 125 countries.

Are you interested in learning more about Eli Lilly and their internship opportunities? Join us for an information session to learn all about the company, internships, and other opportunities they have to offer!

[Zoom Link: https://pitt.zoom.us/j/5808802993](Zoom%20Link%3A%20https%3A//pitt.zoom.us/j/5808802993)

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1. **Pre-Pharmacy – NSU Preview Day**

Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy (NSU COP) Palm Beach Campus would like to invite pre-pharmacy students to NSU Preview Day!

Students who attend will get an in-depth look into Nova Southeastern University's (NSU) Doctor of Pharmacy program, and will learn how our state-of-the­ art campus and exceptional faculty will prepare them for advancement in their career as a pharmacist. During our informational session, we will answer student questions about admissions and how to get started.

The next preview day will take place on Tuesday, December 1 at 5:30 p.m.

[RSVP](https://nova.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJItf-6pqTwvE9RHEAGjWDgajmFZ9X9WAaC-) for the event. Any additional questions can be directed to pbphss@nova.edu.

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1. **Digital Scholarship Services – Hillman Library**

[Digital Scholarship Services](https://library.pitt.edu/digital-scholarship-services) offers a variety of support and instruction related to data-intensive and digital scholarship. We can help with data management, geospatial data and analysis, digital creation and stewardship, text mining and analysis, computational and programmatic methods, and web-based scholarship. We offer regular workshops and digital creation livestreams throughout the semester, drop-in Zoom office hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and one-on-one consultations.

[Upcoming workshops, livestreams, & office hours](https://pitt.libcal.com/calendar/today/?cid=2274&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=2274&ct=26796&inc=0)

For questions, our general email is ULS-DigitalScholarshipServices@pitt.edu

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1. **Election Related Concerns**

Pitt Votes & the UCC are co-hosting a number of events and supportive drop-in spaces for students to talk about election-related concerns. [Click here](https://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/cc/election-support/).

It is also essential to remember that, in the face of COVID-19, even as we participate in the election, we must work to keep each other safe as set forth in the [Pitt Community Compact](https://officeoftheprovost.cmail19.com/t/j-l-ajykyid-titudtihdl-d/).

Please view [Dean Kenyon Bonner’s video](https://officeoftheprovost.cmail19.com/t/j-l-ajykyid-titudtihdl-h/) emphasizing the importance of respect and dignity in these days.

Without doubt, both the pandemic and the pending election can be sources of stress. We have resources in place to help as needed, including the [Counseling Center](https://officeoftheprovost.cmail19.com/t/j-l-ajykyid-titudtihdl-o/) for students and [Life Solutions](https://officeoftheprovost.cmail19.com/t/j-l-ajykyid-titudtihdl-x/) for faculty and staff.

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1. **Health Sciences Graduate Programs and Career Paths: The Perspectives of Black Faculty**

Are you curious about graduate programs and careers in the health sciences?

Pitt faculty members will share insights into their own career paths and the graduate and professional programs their different schools offer. [Lesha Greene](https://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/people/lesha-greene), scholar mentor in the University Honors College, will moderate the panel which includes:

* [Berthony Deslouches](https://publichealth.pitt.edu/home/directory/berthony-deslouches), assistant professor, environmental and occupational health in the Graduate School of Public Health
* [Christine Wankiiri-Hale](https://www.dental.pitt.edu/person/christine-wankiiri-hale-1), assistant professor and associate dean for student affairs in the School of Dental Medicine
* [Bernard Rousseau](https://www.shrs.pitt.edu/people/bernard-rousseau), associate dean for equity, inclusion and community engagement and chair and professor of the Department of Communication Science and Disorders in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

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1. **Honors College Scholarships & Awards**

The Honors College has a number of scholarships/awards available for current students, which can be found on this webpage: <https://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/awards>

And as always, the fall, spring, and summer research fellowships are available to students. Details about the research fellowships and national scholarships are on this webpage: <https://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/research-scholarships>

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1. **Study Lab Drop-In Tutoring**

Finals are right around the corner! Study Lab is offering all of their tutoring and coaching services virtually. You can make both [coaching and tutoring appointments](https://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/schedule-tutoring-online-navigate-student) through the Navigate Student App.

For more information on Study Lab services, click [here](https://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/study-lab/study-lab-remote-distance-learning-services).

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1. **Bio Advising on Social Media**

Stay up to date with bio advising news, and other noteworthy campus happenings by following us on social media.

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Facebook: University of Pittsburgh Biological Sciences Advising

Instagram: pittbioadv

**See you next week!**

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