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Biology Advising Newsletter 9/08/2015

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1. Advising Walk-ins

This week, advisors are only 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 Spring Term Advising Holds begin September 14th.

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2. Add/Drop Deadline - Friday Sept 11

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3. S/NC Grade Option Deadline - Friday Sept 25

After add-drop, 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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4. UTA, Research & Intern Forms for credits

Are you doing research or TAing for credit this semester? The enrollment forms need to be turned into an advisor by September 11. But you can turn them in anytime before the deadline as well!

You can pick up a blank form from an Advisor in A258 Langley Hall or download from our website:
www.biology.pitt.edu/undergraduate/forms

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5. Academic Workshops

- Goal Setting - Sept 9, 6pm-7pm, ARC
- Goal Setting - Sept 11, 2pm-3pm, ARC
- Time Management - Sept 14, 11am-12pm, ARC
- Time Management - Sept 14, 1pm-2pm, ARC

Free, but seating is limited.

Reserve your seat: <http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/arc/study-skills-workshops-and-consultations>

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6. GREEN Speakeasy: sustainability & the environment - Sept 14, Nov2

Can Economists Solve our Sustainability Challenges?

Sept 14, 4:30-6:00pm, University Club Library
 Jeremy Weber
 Assistant Professor
 Graduate School of Public & International Affairs

Environmental Exposures and Human Health in Social Context

Nov 2, 4:30-6:00pm, University Club Library
 Jane Clougherty
 Assistant Professor
 Department of Environmental & Occupational Health
 Graduate School of Public Health

Join us for light snacks and free first drinks! All are welcome to attend.

RSVP required at: engineering.pitt.edu/greenspeakeasy

Sponsored by the Office of the Provost & the Mascaro Center for Sustainable Innovation

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7. NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Information Sessions - Sept 8, 10, or 14

Sessions featuring Dr. Susan Finger, CMU Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, will be presented for students who wish to learn more about the (GRFP).

NSF GRFP offers 3-year graduate fellowships to students in science (including the social sciences), math and engineering. Seniors or beginning graduate students (first two years) are eligible to apply. U.S. citizenship or permanent residency is required. *Deadlines for the NSF GRFP are between Oct. 26-30, 2015 (exact date dependent on field).* Pitt and CMU students welcome at any session.

- **PITT—Tuesday, September 8th at 5 PM in CL 1228 at Pitt**
REGISTER: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12Nve4z2qe37IzfQ8VI2Q77j2TfZn5_RLSDQFLBicUSU/viewform?c=0&w=1
- **CMU—Thursday, September 10th at 5 PM in Doherty Hall 1212 at CMU**
- **CMU—Monday, September 14th at 4:30 PM in Margaret Morrison A-14 at CMU**

For more information about the NSF GRFP, please visit their website at www.nsfgrfp.org.

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8. Proposal Writing Seminar – NSF proposals for graduate studies funding - Sept 12

Saturday, Sept 12, 11:00am-12:30pm
 Room 150 Chevron Science Center
 Led by Dr. Catalina Achim, Professor of Chemistry at CMU

Dr. Achim's past experience as Program Director for the National Science Foundation allows her to provide a pragmatic, student-focused experience for every undergraduate considering a further education in graduate studies with a scientific concentration.

Program includes:

- Brief overview of funding opportunities for graduate students
- NSF merit review criteria for proposals
- Characteristics of a "good" vs. a "bad" proposal

This interactive seminar focuses on NSF proposal writing for future graduate students. NSF proposals are reviewed using two merit review criteria: (1) the intellectual merit and (2) broader impacts of the proposed work. What type of work aspects answer the two criteria and ways in which the criteria can be addressed in a short proposal will be discussed.

The seminar is open to students from all academic institutions.

It costs only \$5 to attend.

REFUND: Register online in advance (by Thursday, September 10th); we will refund the cost of attendance to you upon arrival.

This is the first in a series. To hear about more of the WCC's events for undergraduates in the future, be added to our monthly mailing list.

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9. St. George's University Info Sessions

We hold information sessions all over the world, and you're invited! Register now and learn everything you need to know about the University from its administrators, admission advisors, students, and alumni.

<http://www.sgu.edu/future-students/university-open-house.html>

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10. Immunetrics, Inc Seeking Biology Intern

Immunetrics is a biosimulation company that consults with pharmaceutical companies on clinical trial design and drug development. Immunetrics is seeking an intern with background/interest in the biological sciences to work with their biologists to compile data from various sources, including scientific publications. Tasks require the ability to interpret and understand different types of tables and graphs and to collect all relevant information. The candidate will also be responsible for entering data into internal databases, requiring that the candidate have a strong attention to detail and accuracy, to prevent the entry of duplicate or inaccurate information.

During the internship, the candidate will develop a basic understanding of database structure, gain understanding of types of experiments, data quality and organization. The candidate will work with biologists with PhD backgrounds in a variety of fields including pathology, immunology, and biochemistry and molecular genetics.

Time commitment: 5-10hr a week, flexible work hours between 9am-6pm from M-F

Interested candidates should send a brief cover letter with a resume outlining their coursework and interests in their major to mgreenwood@immunetrics.com

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11. Jumpstart is hiring (2015-2016 school year)

Jumpstart recruits college students to mentor 3-5 year old children in yearlong relationships. Jumpstart Corps Members read stories, sing songs, and play games that support young children's school readiness. Students who receive Federal Work Study are eligible for a paid position. We also offer unpaid, volunteer positions (see below).

250 hour commitment

- Commit to serving 250 hours (about 8-10 hours/week) mid-Sept. 2015 to Apr 2016
 - 7 hours Session & Team Planning during your Session Time (listed below)
 - 1 hour of Individual Preparation Time in our offices
 - 2 hours of Classroom Assistance Time at the center where you serve per week

Earn your ENTIRE Work Study Award at \$8.15/hour (if eligible)

Earn OCC Credit

Also available as unpaid, non-credit internship opportunity for students not eligible for work study

Applicants must be available for ONE of the following session times in order to participate (Mon/Wed AM & Tues/Thu AM especially needed):

Monday/Wednesday 9:00-12:30*

Monday/Wednesday 2:00-5:30

Tuesday/Thursday 9:00-12:30*

Tuesday/Thursday 2:00-5:30

**(Students with this availability strongly encouraged and also students who can drive and are 21 years or older are strongly encouraged to apply)*

For more information and to apply, visit <http://www.jstart.org/apply> or contact Katie Blackburn at (412) 648-1250 or keb119@pitt.edu.

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12. Pitt Volunteer Fair - Sept 16, 11am - 2pm, WPU (Bigelow Patio)

The Office of PittServes is proud to host Volunteer Fairs each fall and spring, to provide opportunities for students to connect with local non-profit agencies who are looking for volunteers.

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Until next week,

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