

## Biology Advising Newsletter 2/10/2014

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## 1. Pre-enrollment Advising Meetings

Avoid the March rush and sign up for your advising meeting now! All three advisors have appointment sheets in A258 Langley. **BRING YOUR BLUE ADVISING FOLDER.**

Important dates:

Feb 17 - summer enrollment begins \*\*

March 24 - fall enrollment begins

\*\*if you plan to take summer courses come prepared to talk about BOTH summer and fall and we can then remove both holds!

PLEASE! Be mindful when selecting a time, to prevent having to scratch out your name later.

Remember that we also take walk-ins for quick questions. Drop by if we can help you with something!

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## 2. W Grades:

March 7 is the deadline for students to withdraw from an undergraduate course in the Dietrich School without penalty or credit.

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## 3. Recommendation Letter Workshop - Feb 21, 3:30-5pm, Clapp L9

Learn how to get the most valuable recommendation letters.

Work in small groups to build a document to distribute to your letter writers.

*sponsored by BISOC Advisors*

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## 4. Academic Skills Workshops

**4a) Study Smarter Not Harder With Strategies Supported by Cognitive Science - Feb 12, 6pm, ARC**

Presenter: Timothy Nokes-Malach, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology

**4b) Time Management - Feb 21, 2pm, ARC**

Presenter: Anita Persaud, DEd, Director, Academic Resource Center

**4c) Time Management - Feb 25, 6pm, ARC**

Presenter: Anita Persaud, DEd, Director, Academic Resource Center

**4d) Overcoming Procrastination - March 19, 6pm, ARC**

Presenter: Mike Chirdon-Jones, MEd, Academic Specialist, Academic Resource Center

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## Pitt Summer Undergraduate Research Award - deadline March 3

The University of Pittsburgh Office of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (OUR) is offering 12 Summer Undergraduate Research Awards. Awardees receive \$3,500 to support summer independent research.

<http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/experience/summer-awards.html>

Questions? Patrick Mullen 412-624-9150

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### **U Georgia Summer Undergraduate Biology Education Program - deadline Feb 28**

We are please to announce the inaugural year of the University of Georgia's REU Site in Undergraduate Biology Education Research (UBER)! UBER is a nine-week, NSF-funded program to involve undergraduates in designing and conducting research on undergraduate biology teaching and learning with mentorship from faculty from UGA's Division of Biological Sciences and College of Education.

- Places are available for eight students annually
- Program Dates: May 27 – July 25 (9 weeks)
- Students will be paid a stipend of \$4,500
- Housing will be provided in UGA dormitories at no additional cost
- Travel assistance to UGA is available up to \$500 per student
- Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. or its territories and have not yet obtained an undergraduate degree.
- Applications from students from minority serving institutions and/or majoring in biology, education, psychology, anthropology, sociology, and statistics are especially encouraged.

Details: <http://uber.coe.uga.edu/>

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### **MIDAS Summer Undergraduate Research Program - deadline Feb 24**

The University of Pittsburgh Models of Infectious Disease Agent Study (MIDAS) National Center of Excellence is pleased to announce a summer research opportunity for undergraduate students in the field of computational modeling and simulation of infectious diseases. Through this ten-week Summer Research Program, participants will gain an appreciation of major research questions being raised at the intersection of public health, biological science, and computer technology and become acclimated to the rigors of scientific research and graduate education. Women and underrepresented groups are particularly encouraged to apply.

More information: [www.midas.pitt.edu](http://www.midas.pitt.edu)

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### **U North Florida Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program - deadline March 7**

This is the second year of a new program that offers research-training opportunities in Coastal Biology to undergraduates. We particularly encourage students with minimal experience in research to apply to our program!

Beginning in 2013, the University of North Florida became one of the newest host sites for the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program. The UNF REU Program offers paid research training experiences in Coastal Biology to 10 undergraduate students during a 10-week period between June 2 and August 8, 2014. REU participants will be paired with Coastal Biologists at UNF, the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTMNERR), and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Jacksonville Field Lab and conduct mentored research projects related to their advisor's expertise.

The 2014 REU session will focus on research topics including shark ecology and physiology, pinniped nutrition, dolphin behavioral ecology, invasive species (lionfish) biology, evolutionary genetics and speciation in mollusks, crustacean reproduction, salt marsh restoration, fish ecology, fish endocrinology, and marine natural products.

More Information: [https://www.unf.edu/coas/biology/coastal\\_biology/REU.aspx](https://www.unf.edu/coas/biology/coastal_biology/REU.aspx)

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**Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers Conference @ Pitt - March 1**

The Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE) Northeast Regional Conference that will be hosted at the University of Pittsburgh this coming spring semester. We promote, as well as prepare, Asian heritage scientists and engineers for success in the global business world by equipping them with professional development skills.

The one-day conference on Saturday, March 1st, 2014 in Benedum Hall  
The theme of this year's conference is ***Foundations of Professionalism***.

The speakers at this conference will feature local professors and business professionals. For our lunch keynote, we have invited the founder of the Supply, a nonprofit organization that works to activate urban slum youth through service learning. We encourage everyone, regardless of race or academic major, to come participate and join us in learning about professionalism and corporate skills!

More information about registration and the schedule: [saseneregion.weebly.com/2014-regional-conference.html](http://saseneregion.weebly.com/2014-regional-conference.html)

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**Volunteer Opp. - Allegheny CleanWays**

Allegheny CleanWays will be working on a visual assessment of the Girty's Run watershed through a process recommended by Three Rivers Waterkeeper and Dominique Benzio of the Browne Leadership Fellows program.

<http://www.alleghenycleanways.org/>  
<http://threeriverswaterkeeper.org/>  
<http://files.meetup.com/3729092/Newsletter-1-14.pdf>

The objective of this phase of work is to have citizens join with experts and activists to visually identify risks, threats, and opportunities to Girty's Run. It is a qualitative and

awareness-raising exercise that will help (1) prioritize stream restoration, trash elimination and other volunteer-driven improvement projects and (2) raise a collective understanding or awareness of the upcoming storm and sewer infrastructure improvements to be made in the watershed.

**Info Session - February 24**

Millvale Community Library  
213 Grant Avenue, Millvale, PA 15209  
<http://millvalelibrary.org/where-at/>

If you'd like to take part in this effort, please RSVP by emailing Dominique [atdlbenzio@gmail.com](mailto:atdlbenzio@gmail.com).

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**Pre-Health Professions Advising**

**New Office Location:** 479 Crawford Hall

**Scheduling Appointments**

Sophomores, juniors and seniors may self-schedule an appointment with the health advisors. **LINK:** <http://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2160041238>

**Walk-In Hours for Quick Questions, CRAWFORD 479:**

- Tuesdays 9:30-10:30 AM (*Angela*)
- Wednesdays 1:00-2:00 PM (*Angela*)
- Wednesdays 3:00-4:00 PM (*Andrea*)
- Thursdays 9:30-10:30 AM (*Andrea*)

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**Info Session WV School of Osteopathic Medicine - Feb 13, 5pm, Langley A219B**

Guest speaker from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (Lewisburg, WV) will be on campus to share information with students interested in osteopathic medicine, the admission requirements, and financial aid.

[www.wvsom.edu](http://www.wvsom.edu)

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**ECOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Thursdays, 6pm, Langley A219B**

2/13, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17

[pittecologyclub@gmail.com](mailto:pittecologyclub@gmail.com)

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**BIOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A224**

2/18, 3/4, 4/1, 4/15

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**TRI-BETA - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A224**

2/11, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15  
www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt

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**OPTOMETRY CLUB - Sundays, WPU**

[pittoptclub@gmail.com](mailto:pittoptclub@gmail.com)

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**PITT OUTDOORS CLUB - Tuesdays, 9:00pm, WPU porch**

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**PRE-VET CLUB - Alternate Mondays, 8:00pm, Langley A219B**

[pittprevet@gmail.com](mailto:pittprevet@gmail.com)

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**BIRDING & ORNITHOLOGY CLUB**

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

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**POMS - Fridays, 5:30pm, WPU 837**

Premedical Organization for Minority Students  
www.poms.us

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**Until next week,**

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