

Biology Advising Newsletter 1/13/2015

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1. Advising

During Add-Drop (Jan 5-16), the advisors are primarily taking walk-ins to serve students with time-sensitive questions, scheduling issues, and permissions. Drop by if we can help you with something!

Appointments start Jan 20 for long-term planning, and even to get your advising hold lifted for summer and/or fall classes! Sign-up Sheets are out in the Advising Office now.

2. Add/drop deadline - Jan 16

3. UTA, Research & Intern Forms for credits - due Jan 16

Are you doing research or TAing for credit this semester? The enrollment forms need to be turned into an advisor by January 16. 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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4. S/NC deadline - Jan 30

S/NC (Satisfactory/No Credit) Grade option: Under this option, a student who does satisfactory work (a grade of C or better) receives the grade of S. If the student's work is not satisfactory (a grade of C- or lower), the grade of NC (for no credit) is given. Courses for which S grades are earned are counted toward graduation but are not computed in the GPA. Courses for which NC grades are earned are not counted toward graduation because the NC designates that no credit was earned.

You may take one (1) BIOSC class as S/NC and an unlimited number of co-req or gen-ed classes as S/NC.

If you decide by the end of Add/Drop (January 16) then you designate the class yourself in PeopleSoft.
Instructions: https://my.pitt.edu/portal/server.pt/document/166479/edit_a_class_with_peoplesoft_student_center_9

After January 16th, you fill out a paper Grade Option form in 140 Thackeray Hall. The final deadline is January 30th.

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5. Wait-list Etiquette

If you no longer want a class, but are still on the wait-list - GET OFF IT!

- a) It is polite to others on the wait-list who are trying to assess their chances to get into a class.
- b) The computer could enroll you up until 11:59pm on Friday.

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6. Letter of Recommendation Workshop

Thursday January 15th | 4:00pm | Langley 219B
RSVP: <http://tinyurl.com/LetterRec>

RSVP is not required, but helps us plan for refreshments.

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7. Resume/CV Workshop

Friday January 23rd | 3:30pm | Langley 219B
RSVP: <http://tinyurl.com/resumecv-workshop>
Please bring a copy of your resume/CV to work on.

RSVP is not required, but helps us plan for refreshments.

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8. BIOSC Undergraduate Research Poster Session

Friday January 30th | 4:00pm

**to present at the poster session, abstracts are due by 9am on January 26.
Email rescert@pitt.edu for format guidelines & submission.*

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9. Goal Setting

Presenter: Mary Napoli, MEd, Academic Resource Center - **Jan 14, 6pm, ARC**
Presenter: Mike Chirdon-Jones, MEd, Academic Specialist, Academic Resource Center - **Jan 16, 2pm, ARC**
Presenter: Mike Chirdon-Jones, MEd, Academic Specialist, Academic Resource Center - **Jan 20, 2pm, AR**
Presenter: Carrie Schubert Academic Resource Center - **Jan 26, 6pm, ARC**

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10. How to Succeed in Science Courses - Jan 21, 6pm

Presenter: Alexandru Maries, PhD, Physics & Astronomy

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11. Study Skills Bootcamp - Jan 29, 6pm, ARC

Presenters: Mike Chirdon-Jones, Vanessa Webb, and Mary Napoli, Academic Resource Center

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12. Health Professions Advising Walk-In Hours - 179 Crawford Hall

Tuesdays: 2:00-3:00pm
Wednesdays: 3:00-4:00pm
Thursdays: 9:30-10:30am; 1:00-2:00pm

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13. Virginia Commonwealth University Symposium on Health Equity - Feb 27/28; deadline Feb 15

The Symposium on Health Equity and Interprofessional Practice is a great way for undergraduate and graduate health professional students to network, share their research and grow their knowledge and skills essential in preparation for advanced training in healthcare careers. The weekend conference will be held Feb. 27-28, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Richmond Downtown. **Undergraduate students are encouraged to submit proposals for poster presentations. Registration fee waived for accepted presenters.** Travel stipend available upon request. **Conference cost is \$15 and the registration deadline is Feb. 15, 2015.**

<http://www.cvent.com/events/symposium-on-health-equity-and-interprofessional-practice/event-summary-749673186dfe48ecb9a686914c81ed91.aspx>

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14. Internships with the City of Pittsburgh - due ASAP

<http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/internships>

examples:

LAND USE POLICY INTERN

Assists Department of City Planning staff with various processes related to land use and zoning policy. Will research best practices in land use policy from cities across the United States in order to develop new policies and practices that will aid in the revitalization of Pittsburgh's neighborhoods.

The intern will also conduct various surveys to assess current land use in Pittsburgh's neighborhoods and assist in the analysis of the results of the surveys. The surveys, along with best practices research, will help to guide new land use policy for targeted neighborhoods.

The intern will assist in various communication methods with the public. Various forms of communication will be necessary to successfully complete the projects to be undertaken through this program--email, social media, mailings, community meetings, etc.

Requirements: Should be pursuing studies in Urban Planning or a similar field. Should have excellent communications skills, preferably with experience in customer service and/or public relations. Should have solid writing skills, with abilities to convey complex topics in a clear and concise manner. Should have good research skills--experience with writing policy briefs is a plus. This position requires attention to detail and effective communication though should be comfortable with working with minimal supervision--setting up a work-plan with realistic targets is critical; the supervisor will assist with this.

GRANTSPERSON

The City of Pittsburgh has been working to improve accessibility for people with disabilities. However, many of these projects are very expensive and require additional outside financial support. The intern will identify funding sources for these projects, develop a work plan for activities which these funders would support and draft a budget. They will also process payments for existing contacts.

Requirements: The intern must be comfortable working with Excel, computer data management, and analysis techniques

CATALOG LIBRARIAN

The intern will be tasked with creating and implementing an accessible filing system for the department. The goal is to catalog and classify physical and digital information. The intern must organize publications, documents and other reference materials in a filing system and manipulate them into digital form.

The intern will assist in managing the filing system and its function. The candidate would help conduct periodic inventories of documents, maps, journal articles, memos, and official Strategic Planning records.

Requirements: Ability to work autonomously. The intern must be able to create a working database to catalog Strategic Planning files past and present. The intern must be familiar with library sciences and technology driven filing systems.

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15. MSUCOM Summer Undergraduate Research - due March 31

The MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine is offering summer education and research training to outstanding undergraduate students, who are interested in combined DO-PhD training for a career as a physician-scientist are offered an opportunity to conduct research and to be exposed to the excitement of an academic medical environment. The MSUCOM Summer Undergraduate Education and Research Program is a 10 week program that includes both clinical & laboratory experiences. Students will work in a research laboratory under the guidance of selected faculty members in the biomedical sciences, shadow physician-scientists in a clinical setting, attend seminars emphasizing the intersection of science and medicine, and participate in career development workshops.

- stipend of \$2,500 + housing
- Students who successfully complete the SUPER program will be strongly encouraged to apply to the MSUCOM DO-PhD Program and will receive early review.

Eligibility:

- currently in junior year
- GPA of 3.5 or higher
- minimum of one full semester of research experience.
- Students who have a GPA of less than 3.5 but have extensive research experience are also encouraged to apply.
- Minority students are encouraged to apply.

<http://com.msu.edu//DO-PhD-Program/SUPER.htm>

16. Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) in Computational Biology - due March 1

We are pleased to announce the 6th summer for our of our NSF/DoD-funded Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program entitled, Training and Experimentation in Computational Biology (TECBio). The TECBio REU @ Pitt is a 10-week summer program hosted by the Department of Computational and Systems Biology in the School of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. TECBio provides a challenging and fulfilling graduate-level research experience to students in the life, physical, and computer sciences and engineering.

Website and Application Portal: www.tecbioreu.pitt.edu

Student Support: \$5250 stipend, housing, and travel

17. Part-time Personal Care Job on N. Craig Street

Shift: 2 to 3 nights a week from 8 PM to 11 PM. I would prefer one person to work Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday; and another person to work Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, but I can be flexible.

Tasks: washing face, brushing teeth, transferring with a Hoyer lift, doing a bowel routine, and showering

Pay rate: \$11.75 as long as you meet all qualifications

Qualifications:

- must be at least eighteen years old
- must have a clear criminal background
- must be available for winter break, spring break, and summer
- must be flexible, focused, precise, deliberate, efficient
- must learn quickly and be able to think critically

I am looking for someone who is reliable, able to plan ahead and will work long term in order to minimize the training time and turnover for me, so please be willing to commit until you graduate. Additionally, you must be able to listen, follow directions, and communicate effectively and directly.

I use the attendant care program for the state of Pennsylvania so taxes will be taken out. Some of training may be unpaid because of the length of time it takes to get the paperwork processed. It can take longer for someone who is out of state. It is out of my hands; however, I will do my best to be able to compensate you for your time.

Contact: Amy Shannon at amy.e.shannon@gmail.com or (412) 682-2878

Join the Pitt iGEM 2015 Team

iGEM is an international competition for students interested in using synthetic biology to solve some of the world's most demanding issues. Students will dedicate the summer to create a solution for the issue at hand. Participating in iGEM is not only a great opportunity to be involved in a multifaceted and interdisciplinary research project, but also a great way for student to gain valuable leadership experiences. Also, students will have the chance to attend the Giant Jamboree and mingle with a community of bright and talented scientists from all around the world.

Questions: igem.pitt@gmail.com

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BIOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A221

1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/7

upittbiologyclub@gmail.com

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BIRDING & ORNITHOLOGY CLUB

PittBirdingClub@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/groups/302359673107538

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ECOLOGY CLUB - Select Wednesdays, 8:45pm, 540 WPU

1/21, 1/28, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/18, 3/25, 4/8, 4/15

pittecologyclub@gmail.com

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PRE-VET CLUB - Thursdays, 8:30pm, Langley Lobby

pittprevet@gmail.com

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POMS - Fridays, 5:30pm, WPU 837

Premedical Organization for Minority Students

www.poms.us

pomspitt@gmail.com

<https://list.pitt.edu/mailman/listinfo/poms>

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TRI-BETA - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A221

1/20, 2/3, 2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31, 4/14

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