

## Biology Advising Newsletter 1/20/2015

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### 1. Pre-enrollment Advising Meetings

We are now taking meeting for long-term planning and to have your hold lifted for Summer and Fall classes.

- Summer enrollment begins Feb 16
- Fall enrollment begins March 24

### BRING YOUR BLUE ADVISING FOLDER TO YOUR MEETING.

### 2. 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.

Fill out a paper Grade Option form in 140 Thackeray Hall. The final deadline is January 30th.

### 3. 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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**4. 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](mailto:rescert@pitt.edu) for format guidelines & submission.*

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**5. Goal Setting**

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

Presenter: Alexandru Maries, PhD, Physics & Astronomy

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**7. Study Skills Bootcamp - Jan 29, 6pm, ARC**

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

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**8. UMichigan Summer Research in Molecular & Integrative Physiology - due Feb 1**

The Department of Molecular & Integrative Physiology at the University of Michigan offers summer fellowship programs to support undergraduate students that are interested in research in physiology and/or biomedical sciences. Each student will be matched, based on his or her interests, to a laboratory that is led by a faculty member of the Department of Molecular & Integrative Physiology or of the University of Michigan Medical School. The selected laboratories are involved in nationally recognized research, in topics such as hormones and signal transduction, obesity and diabetes, reproduction and circadian rhythms including sleep, gastrointestinal physiology including digestive diseases, and many aspects of cardiovascular disease. There will be a research forum at the end of the summer in which fellows will present their work, as well as opportunities to attend research seminars throughout the summer.

<https://www.physiology.med.umich.edu/programs/undergraduate/undergradsindex.html>

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**9. Summer Research at Burke Medical Research Institute - due April 10**

The Burke Medical Research Institute invites applications from qualified undergraduate students for our Summer Student Research Program. This program provides an opportunity to conduct cutting-edge research for those students interested in pursuing a career in biomedical sciences. Participants will be part of a laboratory research project related to neural repair and rehabilitation. Summer research students have extensive interaction with their faculty mentors and the Burke Medical Research staff.

<http://www.burke.org/research/educational-opportunities>

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**10. Opportunities at NASA Ames Research Center**

Ames Research Center (Mountain View, CA) is a leader in information technology research with a focus on supercomputing, networking and intelligent systems. Ames conducts the critical R&D and develops the enabling technologies that make NASA missions possible. Ames also is a leader in nanotechnology, fundamental space biology, **biotechnology**, aerospace and thermal protection systems, human factors and **astrobiology** research.

Ames participates in several agency education programs such as [NASA's Undergraduate Student Researcher's Program](http://www.epo.usra.edu/usrp) (USRP; <http://www.epo.usra.edu/usrp>), an undergraduate internship program for science, engineering and mathematics majors.

Acting as a portal between minority institutions and the funding priorities of our nation, the United Negro College Fund Special Programs Corporation's (UNCFSP; <http://uncfsp.org/>) division of Science and Technology offers internships and fellowships to undergraduate students who have an interest in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines. Some of the UNCFSP opportunities at Ames include, NASA Science and Technology Institute Summer Scholars Project (NSTI-SSP), NSTI Summer Faculty Fellowship Project (SFF), and Motivating Undergraduates in Science and Technology (MUST).

For information on the full list of Ames educational opportunities:  
<http://education.arc.nasa.gov/>

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**BIOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A221**  
1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/7

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

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

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**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](mailto:igem.pitt@gmail.com)

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**POMS - Fridays, 5:30pm, WPU 837**  
Premedical Organization for Minority Students  
[www.poms.us](http://www.poms.us)  
[pomspitt@gmail.com](mailto:pomspitt@gmail.com)  
<https://list.pitt.edu/mailman/listinfo/poms>

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