

Biology Advising Newsletter 10/07/2014

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1. Spring Enrollment Dates

- NOW** - your online enrollment appointment is available in Student Center
(The day and time that PeopleSoft has assigned for you to enter the system and enroll in Spring classes.)
- NOW** - make an advising appointment to prepare for enrollment and get your hold removed
(All 3 advisors have signup sheets in A258 Langley Hall)
- NOW** - PeopleSoft Class Search/Shopping Cart available
- Oct 8 - Spring course descriptions available at <http://www.courses.as.pitt.edu>
- Oct 27 - Spring registration begins

2. Final Exams, Resolving Schedule Conflicts - deadline Oct 17

If you have THREE FINALS on the SAME DAY (or 24 hour period), you should work with your professors to see if

one can accommodate you.

- Complete an Exam Conflict Accommodation Form, on which the Registrar confirms that you have 3 finals on the same day (link below).
- Take this form to your professors to see if any one can accommodate you.
- If no professor will move your exam, then the Registrar will select which exam is to be moved.

*** If you need the Registrar's help, you must have completed the form and contacted all your professors first! ***

http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/Reports/Fall_Term_2151_Final_Examination_Schedule.pdf

http://www.registrar.pitt.edu/Reports/Final_Exam_Conflict_Accommodation_Form.pdf

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3. Course Withdraw Deadline - Oct 24

October 24 is the deadline for students to withdraw from an undergraduate course in the Dietrich School without penalty or credit.

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4. Academic Skills One-Hour Workshops

Overcoming Test Anxiety - Oct 15, 6pm, ARC G-1 Gardner Steel

Time Management - Oct 17, 2pm, 540 William Pitt Union

Overcoming Procrastination - Oct 29, 6pm, ARC G-1 Gardner Steel

Overcoming Procrastination - Nov 7, 2pm, 540 William Pitt Union

Light refreshments will be served. Students can receive OCC credit for each workshop they attend.

Register: http://www.asundergrad.pitt.edu/success/arc_workshops.html

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5. Majors and Minors Expo - Oct 8

11am-3pm in William Pitt Union.

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6. Tons of National Scholarships - various deadlines

Check them all out in the Honors College Newsletter:

<https://honorscollege.secure.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/UHC%20National%20Scholarship%20Advising%20Sept%202014%20Newsletter.pdf>

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7. Browne Leadership Fellows Program - due Oct 17

Full details can be found at <http://www.socialwork.pitt.edu/academics/basw/browne-leadership-fellows-program>. This is an excellent program for students who are interested in community change and service and how it can apply to their careers and throughout their lives. Browne Fellows have participated while completing their degrees in Linguistics, Nursing, Neuroscience, Engineering, Psychology, Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Health and Rehabilitation Science among others.

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8. Boren Awards for International Study info sessions - Oct 6, 8, & 14, 4pm, Cathedral 1228

The Boren supports less commonly taught language study in world regions critical to U.S. interest. Previous language study is not required. In exchange for funding, Boren Scholars commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation. US Citizenship is required.

The campus deadline for the Boren is December 1st.

<http://www.borenawards.org/>

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9. Brackenridge Research Fellowship - due Nov 17

This fellowship is named for the founder of the University of Pittsburgh, Hugh Henry Brackenridge. It supports University of Pittsburgh undergraduates who conduct an independent research project and participate in a weekly

seminar in which Fellows present and discuss their projects. The fellowship awards a stipend of \$800; in addition, it requires students to register for 1 credit of research and participate in two weekly seminars: one in which students present and discuss their research projects, and one in which faculty mentors discuss their work. For more information, go to: <http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/fall-spring-brackenridge-fellowships>.

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10. SMART Scholarship for Undergraduate Education - deadline Dec 15

The Department of Defense (DOD) Science, Mathematics And Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship for Service Program supports undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. The program aims to increase the number of civilian scientists and engineers working at DOD laboratories.

Application deadline is 11:59p.m. EST, December 15, 2014.

Application instructions: http://smart.asee.org/apply/_application_instructions

Degree information: <http://smart.asee.org/about>

Partial Details about award:

- full-time tuition
- stipend of \$25,000 - \$38,000 per year
- paid summer internship at a DOD lab (with travel, lodging and food allowance)
- Textbook funds
- Must accept post-graduate employment with the DOD

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11. Tufts Veterinary School Presentation - Oct 9, 8pm, Langley A224

Pre-Vet Club is hosting a meeting with Tufts Veterinary School Admissions, where they plan to cover "topics such as preparing for veterinary school, the Tufts admissions process, and details about our DVM program". It will be a great way to make connections and prepare for applying to vet school.

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12. Jefferson Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Open House - Sat Nov 1, 9am, Philadelphia

Upcoming On-Campus Information Sessions at Thomas Jefferson University. These sessions will allow students to learn more about the opportunities for graduate training in the biomedical sciences at the Jefferson Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Prospective students will have the chance to speak with faculty and representatives and ask questions pertaining to the various programs of study available as well as the admission process.

http://www.jefferson.edu/university/biomedical_sciences/admissions/events.html

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13. Chiropractic Presentation - Oct 14, 9pm, Langley A221

Are you interested in a health related profession, but not sure which one? Do you enjoy anatomy and working with people? Come learn about the world of chiropractic health.

Mr. Brian Becker of New York Chiropractic College (NYCC) will present information on NYCC's Chiropractic, Acupuncture, Nutrition, Anatomy & Physiology Instruction, and Oriental Medicine graduate programs at the Biology Club meeting. He will describe ways applicants can become more competitive and answer any questions about the program or the Chiropractic profession. Please contact the Biological Sciences Advising Office if you have any questions. This presentation is co-sponsored by the Biology Club.

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14. Tropical Studies Presentation - Oct 27, 5:30pm, Langley A221

Interested in studying ecology in the tropics or learning about international health related issues? Want to earn Biology credit while studying abroad?

The Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) representative, Allison Riley, will present information about the hands-on study abroad programs available in Costa Rica and South Africa. She will explain the programs' requirements, review the application process, and describe the various Conservation Biology and Global Health opportunities available during the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Many of these courses satisfy Pitt BIOSC electives. If interested in learning more, please attend or distribute this information to others that may be interested. Contact a Biological Sciences advisor if you have any questions. This presentation is co-sponsored by the Ecology Club.

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15. NYC Teaching Fellows Program - Deadline Nov 6

The NYC Teaching Fellows program is preparing a critical mass of exceptional teachers committed to a better future for the NYC students. Our teachers go where they are needed most – they teach in low-income neighborhoods, where too many children have fallen behind and are struggling to catch up. Currently, Fellows make up more than 11% of the teaching force in New York City. In high-need areas, our impact is even greater. Fellows make up 23 percent of all special education teachers in NYC, 21 percent of all science teachers in NYC, and 15 percent of *all* teachers in the Bronx.

Fellows who successfully complete our program become full-time teachers within a few months of enrolling. They participate in an innovative, practice-based summer training program and then earn a subsidized master's degree in education while teaching in a New York City public school.

nycteachingfellows.org

16. Pitt Med Students Panel – Oct 19, 7pm, Langley A221A

Panel discussion about “What I Wish I Knew in Undergrad”

Pizza will be served

You **MUST REGISTER** at the website below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bpXj2yfi4KOOynG3fl2VR77tPk1NUqlsS6CTe07HfKo/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link

17. PennEnvironment Intern Positions

We're looking for students who care deeply about the environment and are ready to make a difference now.

As an intern:

- You'll learn how to analyze environmental problems, push for smart solutions, and build the public support it takes to win
- You'll work side-by-side with one of our organizers, learning the ropes.
- And you'll attend briefings and trainings to learn even more about environmental issues and gain organizing skill

We're hiring interns in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

apply: jobs.environmentamerica.org

18. Student Job: Greenhouse Assistant (paid position)

The Greenhouse Assistant plays a key role in the daily operations of the University of Pittsburgh's research greenhouses and growth chambers.

To start no later than November 3.

You will:

- help maintain greenhouse facility including maintenance and cleaning of specialized greenhouse equipment
- assist in cultivation and care of research and education plants
- be trained to work around pesticides and fungicides in a safe manner
- work one-on-one with researchers and the Plant Growth Facilities Manager to ensure a healthy and successful environment for the research plants

Required:

- Excellent record keeping and observational skills
- Able to work weekend / holiday/ summer hours as needed
- Able to work in possibly hot humid conditions where potential allergens are present
- Should be in good academic standing

Send resume and course schedules for spring and summer to Kari Mazzaferro kam321@pitt.edu

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

10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2

www.facebook.com/groups/tribetapitt

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

10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/9

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PITT OUTDOORS CLUB - Tuesdays, 9pm, WPU Patio & Lawn

<https://www.facebook.com/PittOutdoorsClub>

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BIRDING & ORNITHOLOGY CLUB

PittBirdingClub@gmail.com

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OPTOMETRY CLUB

pittoptclub@gmail.com

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ECOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Mondays, 5:30pm, 540 WPU

pittecologyclub@gmail.com

10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24, 12/8

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

pittprevet@gmail.com

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POMS - Fridays, 5:30pm, location varies

Premedical Organization for Minority Students

www.poms.us

pomspitt@gmail.com

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

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Panther Cure Finder - Alternate Tuesdays, 9pm, Cathedral 358

10/7*, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2

*location change to Cathedral 213

questions: MNW17@pitt.edu

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Until next week,

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