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1. Fall Enrollment Advising Meetings (**READ ME**)

Fall enrollment begins March 25. Not including Spring Break, there are ONLY 13 Business Days before the start of Fall enrollment and a little under 500 students who still have Academic Advisement holds. Sign up for an advising appointment NOW before all spots get filled!

Christine, Dan, Ellen, Jessica, and Kevin all have appointment sheets out in A258 Langley Hall. BRING YOUR ADVISING FOLDER WITH AN UPDATED PLAN TO YOUR MEETING.

Not sure if you still have an Academic Advisement Hold? Go to your Student Center. There will be a box on the right that says "Holds". If there is a hold listed, you can click on it for more details on how to get it removed.

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2. Advising Office Spring Break Hours

YES! Spring Break is in 2 weeks (March 10-17)!

YES! We are open with limited appointment spots (except Friday, March 15).

Will you be here during the break and want to get your fall hold removed before the start of enrollment? Stop by A258 Langley to make an appointment.

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3. Monitored Withdrawal – deadline Mar 8

March 8 is the deadline for students to withdraw from an undergraduate course in the Dietrich School without penalty or credit. This will show up as a “W” on your transcript.

Complete the form in 140 Thackeray.

Have questions about withdrawing from a class? Reach out to an advisor.

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4. Final Exam Conflict Accommodation – deadline Mar 13

If you have three or more final exams in one day, you may request an alternate final exam time. Please see the [Final Exam Conflict Accommodation Procedure](#).

If you are not able to work out an alternate time with your instructor, fill out the [Final Exam Conflict Accommodation Form](#), and return it to G-2 Thackeray Hall by the monitored withdrawal date Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

More info & final exam schedule: https://www.registrar.pitt.edu/assets/pdf/2194_EXAMS.pdf

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5. AUG Grad? Don't forget to apply! – deadline Mar 22

Are you a senior who plans on graduating in August? Make sure you go to 140 Thackeray to pick up AND return your Application for Graduation.

Do it before March 22. It is free during this time. Late applications will be charged a fee!

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6. Walk-In Resume/CV Feedback with Ellen

Ellen will be holding walk-in hours in for resume/CV feedback on Thursdays and Fridays. Bring a copy of your resume/CV if you want to review it with her!

Where: A257 Langley

When:

- Thursdays from 9-10am
- Fridays from 12-1pm

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7. Bio Blog: Choosing Bio Electives

This week, Kristen shares some advice on choosing biology elective courses for the major!

Blog link: <https://pittbioblog.weebly.com/blog/dos-and-donts-of-choosing-biosc-electives>

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8. Peer Advisors Regular Office Hours

First day of Fall enrollment is March 25th! Meet with our peer advisors if you have questions or need help planning

before your advising appointment.

Peer Advisors will be holding regular office hours in **Langley A230**:

- Colton & Yogi: Monday 10am-11am
- Nora & Parker: Monday 2pm-3pm
- Lisa & Kristen: Tuesday 4pm-5pm
- Sofie & Julia: Wednesday 9:30am-10:30am
- Isabella & Owen: Friday 3pm-4pm

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9. College Necessities Resource Coalition E-Board Recruiting

Collegiate Necessities Resource Coalition (CNRC) is a student organization on campus to connect and serve as a platform for first generation and low income students. It serves as a catalyst for bringing together these students in need of support and to create a comfortable environment for communication among those of similar life experiences. The organization focuses on providing support through the transition into college and beyond with financial, academic, and food security resources for students.

CNRC is looking for students to join their Executive Board for the 2019-2020 academic year. If you are interested, contact Danica Pratta at dlp60@pitt.edu.

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10. Genetic Counseling Club Meeting – Feb 26, 7:30-8:30pm, Langley A221

Pitt Genetic Counseling Club will be hosting more guest speakers! The second-year grad students from Pitt's Genetic Counseling Program will be sharing their experiences and answering questions. You don't want to miss out!

Have questions? Contact pittgeneticcounselingclub@gmail.com

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11. Friend Your Mentors Event – Feb 28, 3:30-5pm, WPU Dining Room A

Chat with your upper-class mentors about how to get involved on campus, leadership opportunities, hang out spot and more!

More info: https://calendar.pitt.edu/event/friend_your_mentors_689#.XHVK4s9KhTY

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12. Pitt Challenge Hackathon – Mar 1-2, WPU Assembly Room

A hackathon sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy and the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI).

Everyone – pharmacy students, med students engineers, designers, developers and more – welcome to help solve some of the biggest challenges facing healthcare today.

More info & register: <https://pittchallenge.com/>

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13. AMSA Research Recruitment Fair – Mar 29, 4-6pm, O'Hara Student Center

On Friday March 29, Pitt AMSA (American Medical Student Association) will be hosting a research recruitment fair in the O'Hara Student Center! All of the labs in attendance are actively looking to recruit undergraduates to work on their projects.

More info: <http://www.pittamsa.org/research.html>

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14. Udall Scholarship – deadline Mar 1

The Udall Foundation awards scholarships to college sophomores and juniors for leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to Native American nations or to the environment.

More info: <http://bit.ly/2SucnZ9>

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15. Frederick Scholarship – deadline Mar 8

The David C. Frederick Scholarship provides \$10,000 in tuition support to three full-time undergraduate students. Students apply as sophomores and the support is for the junior year with the possibility of extension into the senior year. This scholarship was created specifically for high-achieving students (3.500 cumulative GPA or above) who currently work at a part-time or full-time job in order to pay for their education. It is intended to allow students to significantly reduce the number of hours worked during the academic year so that they may devote more time to other academic pursuits, such as additional courses, research opportunities, study abroad, or community engagement.

More info: <http://bit.ly/2N3Zgl9>

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16. Pitt Brackenridge Research Fellowship – deadline Mar 4

The Brackenridge (BE) fellowships support full-time undergraduate students on the Oakland campus while they devote full-effort to conducting an independent research or creative project under the guidance of a faculty or graduate student mentor. These Fellowships are open to undergraduates from any field.

Brackenridge Fellows receive a stipend of \$4,000 for the summer (mid-May through early August) to assure that they can devote themselves full-time to their projects and the associated responsibilities without having to support themselves by means of a summer job. Fellows may not take a summer course or hold a summer job.

More info & apply: <https://honors.pitt.edu/BE>

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17. iGEM Research Competition – deadline Mar 8

The International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) competition is a research competition in which over 300 teams of undergraduate students from around the world further the field of synthetic biology and present their research at the annual Giant Jamboree in Boston. For the iGEM competition, multidisciplinary teams of students have the opportunity to build and test a system of their own design based on biological “parts”. Projects allow students to tackle open societal issues and research questions utilizing principles in synthetic biology. The students develop and implement their own research ideas, but are closely advised by a group of expert faculty mentors. Examples of projects from 2018 can be found here: <http://2018.igem.org/Competition/Results>

The Pitt iGEM team is looking for creative, motivated students to join the 2019 competition. Students will spend 12 weeks in the summer performing paid, full-time research at Pitt and attend the Giant Jamboree competition from October 31 - November 4, 2019.

Through iGEM, a team of students will be able to:

- Design a research project
- Research their topic
- Carry out wet lab experiments and computational modeling
- Participate in community outreach
- Create/design a Wikipage
- Present research at the Giant Jamboree in Boston

Application link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9YgMe8zBRWN_I2fTxHwLvisR9PzHMB9IIIG7-CJGLrw4OQdA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Visit the Pitt iGEM page for more information:

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

If you have any questions:

Email Vivian vih15@pitt.edu or message Pitt iGEM on FB

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18. Univ College London Institute of Ophthalmology – deadline Mar 15

The UCL Institute of Ophthalmology and Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Trust come together as one of the largest vision science centre in the world. Together with our NIHR Biomedical Resource Centre, we are pleased to offer summer research studentships in visual neurosciences, retinal imaging, molecular and cellular biology. The programme is open to students who will have completed at least two years of undergraduate work, but not yet graduated by June 2019. Applicants will be selected based on their academic achievements, academic letter of reference and written statement about their research interest in a participating investigator's work.

More info & apply: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/iao/study/online-and-short-course-vision-and-eye-health-experts/summer-schools/summer-research-placement>

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19. Johns Hopkins Sci Communication Internship – deadline Mar 16

Spend your summer communicating about the latest biomedical research discoveries and clinical advancements at one of the leading academic health care systems in the United States.

The Johns Hopkins Medicine Department of Marketing and Communications is offering two internship positions. They are seeking applicants from diverse backgrounds who have a career goal of writing and communicating about biomedical science.

Position: Full-time, paid internship with a stipend of \$12 per hour. The duration of the internship is flexible, ranging from eight to 12 weeks.

Opportunities include but are not limited to: writing news stories about the latest published discoveries in basic, translational and clinical research; writing web, social media and feature story content; and scripting videos about science. Eight divisions comprise the Johns Hopkins Medicine Department of Marketing and Communications: strategic marketing, editorial services, media relations, graphic design, video and electronic media, brand management, social media and web strategy, and market analysis and research. The intern may choose to spend time shadowing others in the department for more exposure to the fields of marketing and communications.

To apply, send a résumé, a cover letter stating your internship goals, a letter of recommendation from an instructor, and one or more writing samples to Marin Hedin at mhedin2@jhmi.edu and Vanessa Wasta at wasta@jhmi.edu.

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20. PLE Field Assistant Job – deadline Mar 29

Hiring an undergraduate student to work as a field assistant at the Pymatuning Lab of Ecology for approximately 8 weeks over the summer (May - June, start and end dates flexible). Housing and a stipend will be provided, however the student must be able to facilitate their own transportation.

Dr. Kuebbing's lab has a research focus in plant invasion ecology. This assistantship will involve monitoring observational plots and a plant competition experiment, as well as collecting data for an online research project. No previous experience is necessary - just an enjoyment of the outdoors and a good work ethic! This is a great opportunity to gain research experience, with the option of continuing research in the fall.

Email a short cover letter to rar163@pitt.edu by March 29th.

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Until next week,

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