

Biology Advising Newsletter 9/03/2014

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1. Advising Walk-ins

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 for in-depth Academic and Career planning, and Spring Term Advising Holds begin September 8th.

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2. Fall Term Deadlines

Add/Drop - Friday Sept 5

S/NC Grade Option - Friday Sept 19 (after add-drop, you can still change your grade option at 140 Thackeray Hall)

“Certain courses are offered on the S/NC (Satisfactory/No-Credit) grade option. This option was designed to encourage students to explore new and potentially difficult subjects without fear of the risks of failure. Under this option, a student who does satisfactory work (a grade of C or better) in a course receives the grade of S. If the student's work is not satisfactory (a grade of C- or lower), the grade of NC (No Credit) is given. Courses for which an S is received are counted toward graduation, but are not computed in the GPA. Courses in which an NC is received are counted toward neither graduation nor the GPA.”

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3. UTA, Research & Intern Forms for credits

Are you doing research or TAing for credit this semester? The enrollment forms need to be turned into an advisor by September 5. 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. School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences, Fall Open House - Nov 15

Mark your Calendar!

Saturday, November 15, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

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5. Food Safety Training Seminar, Tuesday Sept. 9 – FREE!

FROM: Cary Miller, VP of the Pittsburgh Chapter of CASAFDO
(Central Atlantic States - Association of Food and Drug Officials)
<http://casafdo.us/>

We focus on educating food, drug, and medical device safety inspectors, policy-makers, and industry stakeholders. We are seeking students interested in these areas, or in careers involving chemistry, biology and related degrees.

Tuesday Sept. 9th
9:30-10:45am Water Quality & Safety - Bottled Water Production
11:00am-12:15pm Grading USDA Inspected Products
1:30-2:45pm Supplier Food Safety for Grocery Store Products
3:00-4:15pm Ice Cream Processing

Moon Municipal Building
1000 Beaver Grade Rd.
Moon Township, PA 15108

Although it normally costs \$15, attendance will be free for interested students.

For Registration form or questions contact:
Cary Miller, REHS
Environmental Health Specialist II
Allegheny County Health Department
Food Safety Division
Phone (412) 578-7982
Fax (412) 578-8190
cmiller@achd.net

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6. Study Abroad Germany: DAAD info session - Sept 15, 4pm, 4130 Posvar Hall

Are you interested in study, research, or an internship experience in Germany? Check out the funding opportunities through the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service).

DAAD Information Session
Dr. Katja Wezel, DAAD Visiting Assistant Professor
Monday, September 15th in 4130 Posvar Hall
Undergraduate opportunities addressed at 4:00 p.m.

German language prerequisites vary from none, to proficient, depending on the DAAD award, applicant's field, and plan in Germany.

Eligibility: US or Canadian citizens or permanent residents AND Foreign nationals if they have been full-time students at an accredited US or Canadian University for more than one year at the time of application.

Undergraduate Scholarship (www.daad.org/undergrad)
4 to 10-month study, research or internship

DEADLINE: January 31, 2015

DAAD RISE (Research Internships in Science and Engineering)
Summer undergraduate research at universities and research institutions
(www.daad.de/rise/en/)

DEADLINE: January 31, 2015

<https://www.daad.org/> to read about other DAAD opportunities in Germany.

BEGIN APPLICATION PREPARATIONS EARLY!

Direct questions to Shannon Mischler, sjm130@pitt.edu

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7. Pitt Innovation Institute's Startup Smash - Sept 4, 4:30pm, WPU Ballroom

Interested in startups?

Come to Pitt Innovation Institute's Startup Smash! Open to ALL Pitt students to network and learn about the resources, events and innovation competitions on campus this year. **Free food!**

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8. POMS Pre-Health Conference - Sept 13, 8:30am to 4:00pm, WPU

Join POMS at our 8th Annual Pre-Health Conference! Keynote speeches by Dean Kathy Humphrey and Dr. Alden Landry. Acapella performance by Sounds Like Treble. Catered by Chipotle (guaranteed for first 200 registrants). Workshops include: genetics and genetic testing, medical diagnosis cases, epidemiology, current public health issues, HIV/AIDS, and military medicine. There will be time at the end of each workshop for students to talk to workshop leaders, network, and exchange contact information.

More info & register for free www.UniVerse.com/POMSPreHealthConference

Questions: POMSSpecialEvents@gmail.com

Note: Dress is business formal. Please come dressed appropriately or risk being turned away from the event!

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9. Now Hiring Fall & Spring Tutors for Student-Athletes

The Pitt's Office of Academic Support Services for Student-Athletes is hiring tutors in all subject areas. Immediate needs include:

- Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Psychology
- Astronomy

Applicants should have a 3.0 cumulative GPA and earned a grade of B or better in order to tutor the subject. Ideal candidate will have prior tutoring experience.

- Flexible hours
- Great resume builder
- \$8/hr

For Application: 3073 Peterson Events Ctr, or Email mdb93@pitt.edu

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10. PASGC Research Scholarship - Application due Sept 5, 2014

The Department of Physics & Astronomy has funding from the Pennsylvania Space Grant Consortium for fall semester undergraduate research projects. Any STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) topics will be considered – so apply already! Qualified women and minority candidates are strongly urged to apply. Please note that only U.S. Citizens are eligible to receive one of these awards. Award is \$1500.

Req's: work with a faculty mentor 10 hours/week for 15 weeks; present findings in a public forum.

Application: [1] A research plan (incl. name, dept, email), [2] letter of recommendation from faculty mentor, and [3] transcript (official or unofficial).

<http://pa.spacegrant.org/>

For application steps and submission of application materials, contact Dr. Russell Clark (ruc2@pitt.edu),

412-624-9204). (He's the Physics advisor for undergrads)

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11. PennEnvironment Internships – Apply now for Fall 2014

APPLY at: jobs.environmentamerica.org
WHO they are: pennenvironment.org

These are part-time positions in Pittsburgh, so you can be a full-time student.

If you care about the environment and want to make a difference, apply for a PennEnvironment internship today. Interns help us educate and engage more students & citizens on critical environmental issues. You'll help us get our issues into the media, build coalitions, organize events and lobby decision-makers. Ultimately, you'll help us build the kind of public support it takes to:

- Help stop global warming
- Make sure we don't frack our future
- Protect our rivers, lakes and streams

As an intern you will:

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

If you're considering a career working to resolve environmental problems, know that that we hire our most talented and committed interns into our Fellowship Program when they graduate.

Questions? E-mail internships@environmentamerica.org.
More questions? Contact: Kristen Cevoli, Esq.
Fracking Program Director, PennEnvironment
215.732.5897 x4
kcevoli@pennenvironment.org

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12. Pitt Volunteer Fair - Sept 11, 11am - 2pm, WPU Lawn

The Office of PittServes is proud to host Volunteer Fairs each fall and spring, to provide opportunities for students to connect with local non-profit agencies who are looking for volunteers.

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13. Volunteer with the "Parkinson's Into Action Crew"

Play games, create change! We need a team of playful, creative, awesome students to work with Parkinson's Ambassador Athletes as we invent and play kinetic-games. Our goal is to develop a kinetic-game that facilitates exercise, competition and athletic expression amongst a population who's options are currently limited! Join the Parkinson's Into Action Crew

Contact:
Ian M. Neumaier@IMNeumaier@gmail.com!
[Facebook.com/FindSomeFlow](https://www.facebook.com/FindSomeFlow)
FindSomeFlow.com

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New Club! PANTHER CURE FINDERS

Our mission is to fundraise and promote awareness for the genetic disease, Cystic Fibrosis. All money raised will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and put toward advancing research for a cure. As we are partnered with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, members of our organization are encouraged to participate in CFF events in addition to Panther Cure Finders campus events.

Contact President Michelle Wass MNW17@pitt.edu with questions.

<http://www.cff.org/GetInvolved/KickCF/>

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TRI-BETA - Alternate Tuesdays, 8:00pm, Langley A221
9/9, 9/23, 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
9/16, 9/30, 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
www.facebook.com/groups/302359673107538

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OPTOMETRY CLUB
pittoptclub@gmail.com

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ECOLOGY CLUB - Alternate Mondays, 5:30pm, 540 WPU
pittecologyclub@gmail.com
9/15, 9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24, 12/8

First (informal) meeting at Phipps Conservatory on September 5 at 6:30 pm. Gather at the Christopher Columbus monument on Frew Street and Schenley Drive across the bridge from the Frick Fine Arts building.

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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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Until next week,

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