

Biology Advising Newsletter 9/04/2012

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****INTERVIEWING TIP OF THE WEEK****

Learn from your previous mistakes.

Were there questions on a past interview that you were unprepared for or felt flustered about? Now is the time to go back and recall those difficult questions and prepare a more thoughtful response. There are no mistakes as long as we can make them into lessons learned.

(Tips by Carol Stanton, CGS Career Counselor)

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1. Advising Walk-Ins

The advisors are taking walk-ins to serve students with time-sensitive questions, scheduling issues, and permissions. Drop by if we can help you with something!

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2. Add-drop Deadline

The deadline for Add-drop is this Friday, September 7.

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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 7th. But you can turn them in anytime before the deadline as well!

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4. Howard Hughes Computer Lab Fall Term Hours

Howard Hughes Computer Lab in 120 Clapp Hall is now open for use. Ammenties include: Macs, PCs, Scanner, CD-burner, Double-sided Laser Printer, Color Laser Printer.

Mon 11am-6pm
Tue 9am-3pm
Wed 10am-6pm
Thu 9am-3pm
Fri 2pm-5pm

5. Ecology Club - Sept 4, 7:30pm, Langley A224

Do you enjoy nature, wildlife, or being outdoors? Come learn about the Ecology major and careers, participate in various field trips, gain field experience working with field biologists, and meet friends that love the outdoors. You don't have to be an Ecology & Evolution major to join.

Join the ecology club for their first meeting to learn more!
pittecolologyclub@gmail.com

6. Olympus BioScapes Digital Imaging Competition - Deadline October 2, 2012

The Olympus BioScapes Digital Imaging Competition will honor extraordinary microscope images of life science subjects. First prize will be Olympus microscope or Camera equipment valued at \$5,000. Nine additional winners will also receive valuable prizes from Olympus. Each person entering can submit up to five movies, images, or image sequences. It is not necessary for people entering the competition to be users of Olympus equipment. Entries for the contest can be uploaded through a web browser directly to the Olympus servers at the following URL:

Entry: www.olympusbioscapes.com/enter.asp

Deadline: October 2, 2012

7. Work Study Position in Langley Teaching Lab

Beginning training opportunity for students interested in further research in non-teaching labs and an opportunity to experience new techniques, responsibilities, and faculty interaction. This position will provide student with the necessary skills and confidence to work in a modern molecular biology research lab. This is also a great job even if you do not have those ambitions, but know how to work.

RESPONSIBILITIES: 1) Support lab courses in our program, which include up-to-date content & techniques 2) Maintain lab-ware & glassware, 3) Make solutions, reagents, & growth media, 4) Keep the lab orderly & clean, 5) Maintain databases, equipment 6) carry out experiments

EXPERIENCE PREFERRED: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Engineering, or Math majors - sophomores and higher.

PAY: 7.65/hr and up, if good.

CONTACT: Vern Twombly twombly@pitt.edu

8. AmeriCorp YMCA Scholars

AmeriCorps is looking for students to become YMCA Scholars, a new initiative that recognizes, trains, and supports students who are civically engaged. Selected students will pledge to complete 300-450 hours of service in one calendar year, and in exchange for that commitment receive leadership and organizing training. Students who successfully complete 300-450 hours of service over one calendar year will earn an education award of at least \$1,175.

There are various positions available, all of which involve facilitating in-school and after-school programs in K-12 settings.

More information: Lila de Klaver at ldklaver@pitt.edu.

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9. Undergraduate TA Position for Intro Biology Lab (BIO5C 0190)

Looking for an UTA for both cell and molecular biology prep and teaching. The course meets Wednesdays 9-noon. There is prep before and usually clean up after.

Contact: Dr. Nancy Kaufmann <nkaufman@pitt.edu>, or Dr. Beth Roman <romanb@pitt.edu>

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10. UPMC Shadyside Hospital Elder Life Program - recruiting for SPRING term

UMPC Shadyside Hospital is recruiting volunteers for the the Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP). HELP is a quality improvement program, staffed in part by trained volunteers who see inpatients during an assigned weekly shift for at least four hours each week. Volunteers receive extensive training about the hospital and the patients with whom we are trying to prevent delirium (confusion). HELP relies on volunteers who are compassionate, dependable, well-organized, and committed.

If interested, complete the on-line application www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=1809149721 and indicate your interest in the HELP program.

All shifts for fall are FULL - recruiting for Spring term only.

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11. Tutoring Opportunity - info session Sept 7, 4pm, WPU 540

The UHC is looking for responsible, motivated students to work as tutors for University Preparatory School at Margaret Milliones 6-12 (UPrep), located in the Hill District within walking distance of Upper Campus. UPrep serves some of the most at-risk youth in Pittsburgh. Positions are available Monday through Friday and there are many options for scheduling. There will be a mandatory information session for potential tutors on Friday, September 7th at 4 PM in WPU 540. If interested but cannot make it to the event, please email Ben Siegel at bsiegel4@gmail.com

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12. Southern College of Optometry Career Presentation - Sept 5, 5pm, Crawford 241

Sunnie Ewing, Director of Student Recruitment, will provide information on the optometry program's requirements, explain the application process, and describe what makes an applicant competitive. Hosted by the Biological Sciences Advisors.

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13. Preview Week - Sept 17-21

This week long series of events will help students prepare for the upcoming career fair. Each day will feature resume critiques from employers and student giveaways. Students are encouraged to sign up for a sneak preview of the Employer Directory at my.pitt.edu.

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14. The Princeton Review is offering free practice tests for the GRE, GMAT, and MCAT in October.

Free LSAT Practice Test - October 13, 9am-12:30pm, Carnegie Mellon University
Free GRE Practice Test - October 13, 1pm-3:30pm, Carnegie Mellon University
Free MCAT Practice Test - October 13, 9am-12:30pm, Carnegie Mellon University

Also, Princeton Review is offering \$150 OFF all GRE, GMAT, LSAT, and MCAT courses until September 6th. Students can view courses online at www.PrincetonReview.com <<http://www.PrincetonReview.com>> or by calling 1-800-2REVIEW. promo code BTS 2012.

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15. Senior Career Bootcamp - Sept 18, 6-9pm or Oct 17, 6-9pm

Participants will learn: networking, interview tips, follow-up technique, resume and cover letter writing.

Participants have a chance to win a Kindle Fire.

Hosted by: UPMC and Career Development and Placement Assistance
To register: David Fornrna djf50@pitt.edu

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16. University of Pittsburgh Fall 2012 Career Fair - Sept 25, 11am-4pm, Peterson Events Center

The largest career fair of the year will feature over 200 national, regional, and local employers from a diverse range of industries. Employers seek students for full-time, part-time, and internship opportunities. Students are encouraged to dress professionally and bring copies of their resume.

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17. Graduate & Law School Fair - Sept 27, 10am - 1pm, William Pitt Union

Over 45 graduate and law schools will be represented to discuss continuing education opportunities at their respective institutions.

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18. Biomed Virtual Grad School Fair - Sep 12 and Oct 25

Register to attend the FREE virtual fair, where only one registration allows you to meet multiple schools. Prospective applicants may register for both events for FREE by visiting the site at: www.biomed.careereco.net/

The list of participating institutions may be found at: biomed.careereco.net/virtual-fair/chat-with-organizations/ <<http://biomed.careereco.net/virtual-fair/chat-with-organizations/>>

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Until next week,

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