Hi!

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1. Become an Ambassador for the OUR - deadline this Wednesday!

Do you have a passion for undergraduate research? Want to share your insights and experience with other students? The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) is now accepting applications for its Ambassador program. This program will help to build student leadership skills and their resumes, while providing crucial service to the OUR. The OUR ambassadors are the "face" of the office, disseminating information about undergraduate research and facilitating key services offered by the office. Students will get a unique networking experience, interacting with faculty, administrators, and prospective research students.

Ideal candidates will have had undergraduate research experience in any discipline and must be reliable, organized, personable, respectful, and exhibit excellent communication skills. OUR Ambassadors will be required to host office hours, conduct information sessions or other presentations and help at OUR events, in addition to the annual spring research symposium. Anticipated time commitment is 2-5 hours per week. This is a voluntary program; there is no financial compensation. We will not consider seniors during this recruitment cycle. We are looking for ambassador representation from all colleges. Students from non-STEM fields are particularly encouraged to apply. Up to ten (10) ambassadors may be selected for the spring program.

If you are interested in applying to become an OUR ambassador, please complete the online application form. The application deadline is this Wednesday, November 13 at noon.

Information about the current ambassadors, including their drop in office hours, is available online. Please direct any questions about this program or application process to Keri Swaby, Director for Undergraduate Research (kswaby@vt.edu).

2. ORISE Virtual Recruitment Fair on Nov 13

The Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) will be hosting a Virtual Recruitment Fair for undergraduates interested in STEM internship and research opportunities. The event will highlight more than 20 programs sponsored by the US Dept of Energy and will take place THIS Wednesday, Nov 13, 2019, from noon to 3 pm EST. REGISTER HERE

3. Paid Opportunity in Phonetic Transcription

Dr. Navdeep Sokhey, Assistant Professor of Arabic, is in search of students (undergraduate or graduate) interested in taking on a short-term project involving phonetic (linguistic) transcription work. This is a paid opportunity and requires someone with previous knowledge of reading spectrograms in the software PRAAT, and someone who has had some experience with annotating texts in PRAAT. Arabic
speakers (especially those familiar with Gulf dialects) are preferred, but not required, as long as they are good with labeling and distinguishing between vowels and consonants in PRAAT. This is a paid, short-term project spanning between 10-20 hours. Those interested should contact Dr. Sokhey at navsokhey@vt.edu to learn about details and compensation rate.

4. Deadlines Near for Undergraduate Opportunities

Note the deadlines for the following undergraduate opportunities:

- **National Internship Program**, Hispanic Assn of Colleges & Universities; application deadlines Nov 15, 2019; Jun 5, 2020

- **Internships**, National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian; application deadlines Nov 15, 2019; Feb 15, 2020

- **SCI Scholars Internship Program**, Society of Chemical Industry / American Institute of Chemical Engineers / American Chemical Society; application deadline Nov 30, 2019

- **Undergraduate Travel Fellowships** of the National Assn of Science Writers to attend the 2020 AAAS Annual Meeting in Seattle; app deadline Dec 1, 2019

- **Poster Sessions**, Western Psychological Assn Convention, Apr 30-May 3, 2020, San Francisco; abstract deadline Dec 2, 2019


- **Summer Program for Undergraduate Research**, University of Utah; projects available in education, engineering, health, medicine, and social/behavioral sciences; application deadline Jan 26, 2020

- **REU**, Center for Engineering MechanoBiology, University of Pennsylvania/Washington University in St. Louis; application deadline Feb 1, 2020

- **NSF-REU: Bioarchaeology of Bronze Age Social Systems**, University of South Alabama/Quinnipiac University; application deadline Feb 12, 2020

- **Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships**, Div of Organic Chemistry, American Chemical Society; application deadline Feb 14, 2020

- **2020 University of Missouri Alcohol Research Training Summer School** (for second-, third-, and fourth-year undergrads interested in alcohol research); application deadline Feb 16, 2020

- **REU in Cell Manufacturing**, multiple locations; application deadline Feb 16, 2020
Congratulations to Jarrodd Davis, a recent VT graduate in Public and Urban Affairs, who has been published in UReCA: The NCHC Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity! Read his fantastic article entitled *La Problema Lengua: Embracing Linguistic Pluralism for a Richer “American” Experience.*

UReCA is actively accepting submissions for publication in our 2020 edition. Any student currently enrolled in a bachelor’s or associate’s undergraduate degree program at any institution is eligible to submit their work. Submissions for the 2020 edition will close on August 10th, 2020. Review the journal and learn how to submit your work [HERE](#).

Have a great week!

Best,

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