Hi!

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1. Happy Transfer Student Week!

Virginia Tech is celebrating our amazing Hokie transfers and the professionals who support them during National Transfer Student Week, *THIS week*, October 19-23. Visit the website to learn more and view events.

The OUR would like to recognize and celebrate Maame, one of our inspiring and hardworking Ambassadors, who is a transfer student herself. Maame has been actively involved in research since she joined the Hokie community, proving that it is possible for transfer students to fit in undergraduate research while at VT! Learn more about Maame and connect with her here.

![Maame](image)

2. Virtual Panel Series on Remote and Virtual Research In the Age of Disruption

The Network for Undergraduate Researchers of Virginia (NURVa) invites students and faculty to join a series of virtual, moderated panels on Remote and Virtual Research In the Age of Disruption. The first is taking place *this Friday, October 23, from noon-1pm* and focuses on Arts, Humanities, Fine and
Performing Arts, with faculty and students from Radford University, Virginia Tech, and Christopher Newport University.

To attend the panel: https://tinyurl.com/NURVAArts
For more information, contact Dr. David A. Salomon, david.salomon@cnu.edu.

Upcoming panels...
- Friday, November 6, noon-1pm: STEM
- Friday, November 20, noon-1pm: Social Sciences and Business

3. Social Sciences Undergraduate Conference Awards

The Social Sciences Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) is offering a limited number of grants, up to $200 each, for undergraduate students presenting the results of research that they have conducted at a regional or national, discipline-specific meeting (in person or virtually) during the academic year 2020-2021. In addition, two awards will be set aside for students attending an international conference.

Eligibility criteria and additional information are available on the CUR Social Science webpage. Award recipients presenting at a conference during the 2020-2021 academic year will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Only one award will be granted per institution. Every effort will be made to spread the awards over both the fall and spring semesters.

To apply, please visit CUR Social Sciences Undergraduate Conference Presentation Awards.

For more information or questions please contact Andrea Karkowski, akarkows@capital.edu.

4. Apply for a Goldwater Scholarship

Are you a sophomore or junior in a science, technology, engineering, or math field?
Are you engaged in research?
Are you intending to go on to graduate school and have a research career in a STEM field?

If your answer is “yes” to these three questions than you SHOULD be applying for the Goldwater Scholarship. https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org/

Scholarships of up to $7,500 a year are provided to help cover costs associated with tuition, fees, books, room and board.
A sophomore who receives a Goldwater Scholarship will receive up to $7,500 in each of his/her junior and senior years.
A junior who receives a Goldwater Scholarship will receive up to $7,500 in his/her senior year.
I would encourage you to start an account and do the pre-application in the coming week to explore the entire application. 

*The pre-application asks you to list 3 mentors, please note that you do not need to ask for a letter from these individuals before listing them for the pre-application, they will NOT be contacted.*

While the Virginia Tech campus deadline is December 1, this is the type of application that requires ongoing development and multiple drafts.

Have questions? Stop by Christina McIntyre’s office hours (Monday – Thursday 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Eastern)
https://virginiatech.zoom.us/my/christina.mcintyre

Read about the 2019 Virginia Tech Goldwater Scholars:

5. Apply for a SMART scholarship

https://www.smartscholarship.org/smart
Deadline: December 1, 2020

Benefits:
- Full tuition and education related educational expenses (meal plans, housing, and parking not included)
- Stipend paid at a rate of $25,000 - $38,000 a year depending on degree level (may be prorated depending on award length)
- Summer internships ranging from 8 to 12 weeks
- Health Insurance allowance of up to $1,200 per academic year
- Miscellaneous allowance of up to $1,000 per academic year
- An experienced mentor at one of the Sponsoring Facilities
- Employment placement at a DoD facility upon degree completion.

If you would like support in preparing or reviewing your application, please contact Christina McIntyre (email: cmcintyre@vt.edu).

6. Attend University of West Georgia's free virtual undergraduate research conference

Sponsored by the University of West Georgia, please join us for our virtual undergraduate research conference, now in it’s ninth year. Registration is FREE! Interested students and faculty are encouraged to join us on October 23-24, 2020. We had a large number of proposals this year and selection was
competitive. Poster sessions are available on both days for viewing as well as presentations. The conference is free, but registration is required. Here's the registration link.

7. CLAHS 2020-21 Research Grants Available (repeat item)

Doing research and need funds? Earn up to $600 of funding for your project! This grant is designed to help undergraduates with majors or minors in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences who are pursuing research projects or creative works. Apply here! Funds available for research expenses, virtual conference presentations, and performances. Share the required endorsement form with your faculty mentor here. Applications are reviewed monthly or as received.

Next Review Date: Sunday October 25, 2020, 11:59pm

Future Review Dates for 2020-2021:
Sunday, November 29, 2020, 11:59pm
Sunday, January 24, 2021, 11:59pm
Sunday, February 21, 2021, 11:59pm
Sunday, March 21, 2021, 11:59pm

Have questions? Contact Dr. Monica Kimbrell at mkimbrel@vt.edu or 540-231-7602

8. Undergraduate Research Excellence Program

It's never too early to join the Undergraduate Research Excellence Program (UREP) and get recognized for your engagement in undergraduate research. The program is open to any student, from any major, at any time in their academic career. This multi-tiered program allows students to track their journey through undergraduate research, from training and engaging to disseminating and reflecting, and receive recognition at graduation with a specially designed cord! Learn more and sign up to join the program online. For students graduating this semester, the deadline to complete all UREP requirements is December 7, at 9am.
9. National Undergraduate Research Opportunities- Funding, Presentations, etc
   • Call for Abstracts, Virtual 2021, American Society of Addiction Medicine | Deadline October 23
   • Photo Contest, ArcticNet | Deadline October 23
   • Call for Abstracts, UNC-Greensboro Virtual Regional Mathematics and Statistics Conference | Deadline October 25
   • Call for Abstracts, West Michigan Regional Undergraduate Science Research Conference | Deadline to register October 26
   • Call for Abstracts, "Injury and Violence Prevention in a Changing World: From Local to Global," Virtual Conference, Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research | Deadline October 30
   • Call for Posters, Virtual Annual Conference, Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa | Deadline October 30
   • Publication Grants, Textbook and Academic Authors Assn | Deadline October 31
   • Call for Abstracts, Virtual Conference, Texas Center for Working-Class Studies, Collin College | Deadline November 20
   • Call for Submissions, Undergraduate Journal of Service Learning and Community-Based Research for a special issue, Service Learning and Community-Based Research in a Time of Disruption | Deadline November 24
   • Call for Abstracts, Fifth Marianas History Conference, University of Guam and the Northern Marianas Humanities Council | Deadline November 30
   • “Pitch It to Win It,” Herman and Myrtle Goldstein Undergraduate Student Competition, American Assn of Textile Chemists and Colorists | Deadline January 26, 2021
   • 2021 RASC-AL Competition, National Institute of Aerospace | Deadline March 4, 2021
   • Twenty-First Annual Steel Design Student Competition, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture | Deadline June 2, 2021

Have a good week. Be Committed. Be well.

Best,
Keri

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