Hi!

Here's what's included in our newsletter this week:

1. **OUR office hours during the holiday**
   - Ambassador will be available to meet with students throughout this week so stop by if you have questions or need help related to undergraduate research. Ambassador Office Hours will be suspended for the week of November 25 during the Thanksgiving break. Drop-in office hours will resume on Monday, December 2. As a reminder, office hours are held in Burruss Hall, Suite 104, on:
     - Mondays 1-2
     - Tuesdays 4-5
     - Wednesdays 10-11
     - Thursdays 3-4
     - Fridays 8-9
   
   While classes are in session, you can also reach out to an Ambassadors directly. Ambassadors will not be available to respond to emails during the Thanksgiving Break and no weekly email message will be sent out.

2. **Get published!**
   - Philologia is now accepting submissions! Philologia is an undergraduate research/creative journal housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, and we are currently accepting submissions for the upcoming Vol. XII issue! In representing the departments that span the College, the journal aims to showcase student work ranging from literature and linguistics to international relations and public policy to music and modern culture! Submissions can include both research papers as well as creative pieces.
   - To submit your work, visit the website and begin by clicking the “start submission” tab found in the top right corner. The deadline is November 22nd at 11:59pm! Contact philologia@vt.edu with any questions. Submit today!

3. **Apply to present your research at the National Undergraduate Humanities Research Symposium**
   - Announcing a new opportunity specifically for undergraduate researchers in the humanities: Johns Hopkins University’s first annual Richard Macksey National Undergraduate Humanities Research Symposium
Symposium! This will be an annual two-day event at the main campus in Baltimore, Maryland and it will offer students across the country the chance to disseminate their humanities research on a national scale. The event will be this spring, April 3rd and 4th, 2020 and the application portal is now open.

This symposium is open to undergraduate students from any two-year or four-year college or university who would like to present their original scholarship in the humanities. They hope to have 400 participants this year and will also be offering a select number of travel grants to help students afford participation. In addition to the multiple panels of student papers and presentations (including original creative works), they will also have a wonderful keynote delivered by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Anthony Doerr and multiple professional development panels featuring graduate students and faculty in their humanities departments and centers. Students studying all areas of the humanities are welcome to attend.

You can learn more (including details about travel arrangements, costs, etc.) at the conference site: krieger.jhu.edu/macksey-symposium or flyer available at this link.

Please direct any questions to Natalie Stroebach, Ph.D., Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research, Scholarly & Creative Activity (URSCA) at mackseysymposium@jh.edu.

4. "Worms, germs, and buffalo: a coinfection story"

Mark your calendars! The 9th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Seminar, hosted by the Biological Sciences Diversity Committee, will take place on January 24, 2020 at 12:20 PM in the Steger Hall auditorium. The seminar is entitled "Worms, germs, and buffalo: a coinfection story" by Dr. Vanessa Ezenwa, professor in the Odum School of Ecology and department of Infectious Diseases at the University of Georgia. See attached flyer for more information.

5. Start looking for summer research opportunities now

Thanksgiving and winter break are a great time to investigate and apply for summer research opportunities. There are LOTS of opportunities available at VT and across the country in every conceivable field. Many are competitive, paid, and full-time, with deadlines in late Fall to early Spring. Visit OUR Research Opportunities page to get started on your search.

6. Research Scholarships

a) Jacklyn W. and William R. Jones, Jr. Experiential Learning Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Jacklyn W. and William R. Jones, Jr. Experiential Learning Scholarship, which recognizes students who engage in experiential learning opportunities. One awardee each semester will be selected to receive a scholarship in the amount of $1,000.

Eligibility: VT undergraduate student in any major who is participating in guided experiential learning opportunity at Virginia Tech including, but not limited to: study abroad, unpaid internships with
nonprofits or NGOs, undergraduate research opportunities, etc. Preference will be given to students whose experience combines more than one mode of experiential learning, such as research abroad.

**Spring deadline: December 1**
Apply at: [https://vt.academicworks.com/](https://vt.academicworks.com/)

**b) Dennis Dean Undergraduate Research Scholarship**

Applications are now being accepted for the Dennis Dean Undergraduate Research Scholarship, which recognizes students who engage in research. One awardee each semester will be selected to receive a scholarship in the amount of $1,000.

Eligibility: VT undergraduate student in any major who is participating in mentored undergraduate research at Virginia Tech.

**Spring deadline: December 1**
Apply at: [https://vt.academicworks.com/](https://vt.academicworks.com/)

**7. Undergraduate Research Excellence Program at VT**

Did you know that you can earn a graduation cord for engaging in undergraduate research????

Launched in spring 2018, the Undergraduate Research Excellence program (UREP) recognizes students for holistic 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 and receive recognition at graduation with a specially designed cord! Students can [join the program at any time](tinyurl.com/vturep). More information about the program is available at [www.research.undergraduate.vt.edu/urep](http://www.research.undergraduate.vt.edu/urep). The completion deadline for students graduating this Fall is **December 9 at 9am**.

Have a great week and enjoy your Thanksgiving Break!

Best,
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