Hi!

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

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1. Summer research at VT - update

The Provost’s Office has announced that all summer activities on campus will move online or be cancelled (read statement here). Therefore, only research projects that are inherently virtual in nature or those that can be appropriately modified will be able to proceed this summer. All other types of in-person research must be suspended.

If you applied to participate in a summer research program at VT or elsewhere please check with the program website or Program Director on the status of the program. To date, the Fralin SURF, Confluence REEU, and FBRI MolVis and NeuroSURF programs at VT have been cancelled. The MAOP program, Neutrino REU, and VT-REEL REEU are exploring online options.

In collaboration with University Libraries, the OUR is developing a virtual summer training and professional development program that will be available to any undergraduates engaged in virtual research over the summer or preparing to engage in undergraduate research during the academic year. More information will be circulated towards the end of this semester.

Please continue to refer to OUR website for updates on the status of undergraduate research at VT.

2. Undergraduate Research Excellence Program

There is still time 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 and receive recognition at graduation with a specially designed cord! Learn more and sign up to join the program online. For Spring graduates, the deadline to complete all program requirements is May 4, 2020 at 9am.

3. OUR Ambassadors are available to help

Have a question about undergraduate research? While the Office of Undergraduate Research is no longer hosting in-person meetings or events OUR Ambassadors are still available to help you virtually, via email. Visit the Ambassador webpage for more information.
4. Stay up to date

Please check OUR website regularly for the status of undergraduate research at VT. In addition, the OUR has created a Undergraduate Research in the Virtual Environment page which provides resources and addresses several questions related to research in our current situation.

Have a good week.

Best,
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