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1. OUR Fall Operations

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) is back to normal in-person operations. You can find us in Burruss Hall, Suite 104. Email us any time at UGR@vt.edu.

Answers to many of your questions can be found on our website. Some helpful pages to get you started include:

- Welcome to the OUR
- Getting Started
- Research Opportunities

2. Have a question about Undergraduate Research?

Our team of student Ambassadors are eager to help and guide you on all aspects of undergraduate research. Learn about the ambassadors and their Fall drop-in office hours (virtual and in-person) on their webpage. Ambassador office hours start TOMORROW Tuesday, August 24, from 8-9am. You may drop by in person at Burruss Hall, Suite 104 or drop in virtually via zoom:

virginiatech.zoom.us/my/research (Personal ID number: 540 231 3580).

Next week, drop in office hours will be held on Monday, August 30 from 4-5pm. You can join in person at Burruss Hall, Suite 104 or virtually using the above link.
3. Apply to become an OUR Ambassador

Are you passionate about undergraduate research? And want to share that passion while helping other students? The OUR is accepting rolling applications to the OUR student Ambassador Program. Students from ANY discipline are encouraged to apply. OUR Ambassadors are the "face" of the office, representing the office at-large, advising and guiding students interested in research, and disseminating information about undergraduate research, the Office of Undergraduate Research, and the services we offer. OUR Ambassadors are required to host office hours up to 2 hours per week, conduct one information session or other presentation per month and help at two OUR events per semester, in addition to the Spring Undergraduate Research symposium. This is a voluntary position with no financial compensation. Applicants must have prior research experience (in ANY field) to be considered for this role.

Application information HERE. Questions about the Ambassador program or application process? Contact Nicole Bottass (nicoleje@vt.edu).

4. 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. This 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.

5. Join the Center for Applied Behavior Systems (CABS)- Apply Today!

The Center for Applied Behavior Systems (CABS) is located in Williams 202, the Department of Psychology at Virginia Tech. The Center is led by Dr. E. Scott Geller two to four graduate students, one coordinator, and Dr. Erica Feurenbacher-- a faculty member in the Department of Animal Science. Each semester 20 to 50 undergraduate students learn how to conduct research that combines the technology of applied behavioral science with theories from experimental, social, and applied psychology. Our research not only provides opportunities for real-world experiential learning, but it also works toward improving human welfare and life satisfaction in organizations and throughout communities.

Objectives
• Help students, undergraduate and graduate, learn how to conduct research that combines the technology of applied behavioral science with theories from cognitive, social, and humanistic psychology
• Give students real-world, hands-on research experience, from designing methodology and data analysis strategies to documenting findings in professional publications
• Teach community-based research and intervention techniques and approaches
• Give students the opportunity to participate in leading-edge professional activities, including conference presentations.
• Improve quality of life at home, in organizations, and throughout the community.
• Teach and demonstrate the value of Actively Caring for People (www.gellerac4p.com and www.ac4p.org)

Participants are awarded field study credit and are expected to attend weekly meetings every Tuesdays from 5:00 -6:30pm, as well as completing additional hours of data collection and data entry throughout the semester.

Applications for the Fall 2021 semester can be picked up in Williams 202 or received by email via request at mackenziedavis21@vt.edu. A copy is also attached. Applications must be completed and returned no later than Monday August 23rd by 5pm. For more information or answers to questions regarding this special research opportunity, please email the Coordinator, Mackenzie Davis, at mackenziedavis21@vt.edu.

6. Upcoming Career and Professional Development Events

Career and Professional Development is hosting two upcoming events:
• Resume Kick-off extended hours for students this fall just in time to get you ready for upcoming career fairs
• A welcome event on Friday, August 27 called “Get the Scoop”- join them for a scoop of ice-cream and some CPD information.
Resume Kick-off

Aug. 23 - Sept. 17
*M-F 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
with extended advising hours
*Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m.

- Is your resume ready?
- Fall career fairs are about to begin!

15-minute mini-appointments are available in-person, on Zoom, or by phone

Visit vt.joinhandshake.com to meet with an advisor

No advising hours Monday, Sept. 6

September 20 we will return to our regular 15-minute mini-appointment advising hours: Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. with extended hours Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m.

If you are an individual with a disability and desire an accommodation, please contact Crystal Wiltsee at 540-231-6241 or cpd@vt.edu between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
7. Black in Cancer Mentorship Programme 2021

We are excited to announce the launch of the Black in Cancer Mentorship Program 2021-2022 (BiCMP21). A program for Black undergraduate students with an interest in a career that contributes to the fight against cancer. Black students are often underrepresented within higher education and are poorly retained within the career advancement pipeline. To directly counteract this, Black in Cancer is committed to not only increasing representation in the cancer field, but also ensuring that those who come after us will be adequately supported and equipped to make informed career choices.

We will be matching students with a mentor (scientists at any level who have at least completed a bachelor’s degree; working in either industry or academia) to help support them and provide career-focused advice. The formal mentee-mentor relationship will last 9 months between September 2021 and June 2022. During which, there will be an opportunity for mentees to apply for a 8-week summer placement.

The overarching goal of this mentorship programme is to actively counteract the poor retention rate of Black students in university. The BiCMP21 also aims to support Black undergraduate students by:

1. Connecting them with a mentor; a professional working in the field of cancer who will:
   - Provide a listening ear and encouragement
   - Give specific cancer research/industry career insight
   - Help students set short- and long-term goals
   - Help students identify training opportunities to help prepare them for further study or work

2. Providing employability enhancing training events
3. Organising science communication competitions (with prizes)

4. Organising monthly raffles for vouchers to buy textbooks

We welcome applications from undergraduate students based at UK and USA institutions studying Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (STEM) with an interest in a career that contributes to the fight against cancer. We also invite scientists and other professionals in the cancer field to apply to become mentors.

Application deadline: **31 August 2021, 11:59pm EST**. Learn more and apply [HERE](#).

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8. **Call for Abstracts: 2021 Decon Conference**

The 2021 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) International Decontamination Research and Development Conference will be held virtually November 1-5, 2021. This year’s conference will be a mix of pre-recorded and live sessions. [View the Conference website.](#)

Conference participants are invited to present a virtual poster summarizing their current decontamination research or tool development. Current students and recent graduates are invited to participate in a Student Poster Competition.

Learn more about the conference and submit your abstract [HERE](#). The deadline for submitting abstracts is **August 31, 2021**.

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9. **National Undergraduate Presentation and Paper Opportunities**

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**NOTE:** A "call" is academic-speak for an invitation to submit your work to be considered for presentation at a conference or in a journal or maybe for some kind of competition. So, a “call for papers” means that a professional organization or similar body is asking people to submit original, scholarly articles for review and consideration for a publication ([www.quora.com](http://www.quora.com)). An "abstract" is a short summary of a research project so a "call for abstracts" usually implies that you will be submitting a short summary of your research project in order to be considered as a presenter at a conference.

- **Call for Abstracts**, Second Annual Harmful Algal Bloom Virtual Symposium, Iowa Water Center | Deadline August 27, 2021
• **Call for Abstracts**, Virtual Pop-Up Conference on Popular Culture, Lone Star College–University Park | **Deadline August 29, 2021**
• **Call for Abstracts**, "Home Economics: Soaring toward Sustainable Development," 2022 World Congress International Federation for Home Economics | **Deadline August 31, 2021**
• **Call for Poster Abstracts**, Virtual Conference, Black Doctoral Network (open to undergrads from all disciplines and all ethnic/racial backgrounds) | **Deadline August 31, 2021**
• **Call for Poster Abstracts**, 2021 Virtual Conference, International Center for Responsible Gaming | **Deadline September 1, 2021**
• **Call for Abstracts**, Virtual 2021 Symposium on Substance Use Research, UNL Rural Drug Addiction Research Center/COBRE on Opioids and Overdose–WVCTSI/WV-INBRE | **Deadline September 1, 2021**
• **Call for Abstracts**, “Medieval Global Encounters” and “Race and Medieval Studies,” 31st Annual Conference, Texas Medieval Assn | **Deadline September 1, 2021**
• **Call for Poster Abstracts**, 2021 West Virginia Rural Health Conference, West Virginia Rural Health Assn | **Deadline September 3, 2021**
• **Call for Papers**, "The Role of the Arctic in International Relations and International Cooperation," Global Affairs Review | **Deadline September 3, 2021**
• **Call for Posters**, "Emerging Approaches to Omics Questions: Data Science for the 21st Century," Sixth Annual MidAtlantic Bioinformatics Virtual Conference | **Deadline September 8, 2021**
• **Call for Abstracts**, Conference on Digital Experimentation, MIT | **Deadline September 15, 2021**
• **Call for Proposals**, “Indigenous-Mennonite Encounters in Time and Place” Conference, University of Waterloo | **Deadline September 30, 2021**
• **Call for Proposals**, International Academic Conference on the Sustainable Development Goals, Utah Valley University | **Deadline November 1, 2021**
• **Call for Abstracts**, April 2022 Technical Meeting, Rubber Division, American Chemical Society | **Deadline November 6, 2021**
• **Call for Proposals**, “Literary Geographies: Space, Place, and Environments”; Conference on Christianity and Literature, Biola University | **Deadline November 15, 2021**

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• **Spring 2022 Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships (SULI)**, US Dept of Energy | **Deadline October 6, 2021**
• **Various internships**, US Environmental Protection Agency | **Summer and fall deadlines**
• **Visiting Scientist Program**, Counterterrorism, and Forensic Science Research Unit, FBI | **Applications reviewed on a rolling basis**
• **Various Fall Internships**, American Civil Liberties Union | **Applications considered on a rolling basis**
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Have a great week and a successful start to the new academic year!

Best,
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