Hi,

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1. OUR Office Hours this week

OUR Ambassadors are here to help you navigate undergraduate research. Drop by their weekly office hours either face-to-face or virtually and ask questions or get advice and support. This week's office hour is TODAY, Monday August 30, 4-5pm in Burruss Hall, Suite 104 or via zoom at:

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

Learn about the ambassadors and find all of their Fall drop-in office hours on their webpage.

Next week's office hours will be on Tuesday, 8am-9am.

2. OUR Out and About this week

The OUR will have a table at Hokie Hello being organized by CALS this Wednesday, September 1, from 4:30-6:30pm on the Ag Quad. Stop by and talk to someone about all things related to undergraduate research!

3. Undergraduate Research Scholarship Opportunities

Applications are now being accepted for two scholarship opportunities through the Office of Undergraduate Research:
The Dennis Dean Undergraduate Research Scholarship 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.

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

*Important note: students will need to complete the new General Application, a brief application housed in USFA, before they will be able to complete supplemental apply-to-scholarship applications.

Fall application period: August 1, 2021 - August 31, 2021

Apply at Scholarship Central.

These scholarships will also be offered for the Spring semester and Summer. Get more information HERE.

4. Undergraduate Research Fall 2021 Internship – Gerrard Lab

The Gerrard Lab is looking for undergraduates interested in molecular biology research. Research projects include the use of molecular techniques such as PCR, qPCR and Western Blotting and primary cell culture. A student that feels comfortable working semi-independently and has high attention to detail, organization and communication skills is highly desired. Minimum qualifications include Junior or Senior level with good academic standing (GPA > 3.0) and some class laboratory experience such as organic chemistry or microbiology lab. Ample availability during the work week and some weekends. Preferred qualifications include familiarity with aseptic technique, autoclaving and cell culture. This is a great opportunity for students looking for a project to fulfill their APSC capstone requirement, for research experience to add to their Curriculum Vitae and/or scholarship opportunities.

Please submit cover letter and resume to: Laila Kirkpatrick at lqueral@vt.edu.
This position is available starting September 7th

5. You are invited- RISE Lecture Series

We are delighted to announce that Dr Harvey V Fineberg, president of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and former president of the US Institute of Medicine, will be our featured speaker as we kick off the 2021-22 Virginia Tech Research Integrity and Scholarly Excellence (RISE) Lecture Series on Reproducibility and Replicability in Science.

Date: Thursday, September 16, 2021

Time: noon to 1:00pm (Eastern time)

Event registration Link: https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_byGGFTzqT4yAuyy

Event Description: The division of Scholarly Integrity and Research Compliance is hosting their fall lecture in the Research Integrity and Scholarly Excellence (RISE) Lecture Series: Reproducibility and Replicability in Science. Invited guest speaker Harvey V. Fineberg, president of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, will discuss the importance of reproducibility and replicability in science. The event is virtual and will be held on Zoom.

Speaker Bio: Guest speaker Harvey V. Fineberg is president of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. He previously served as president of the U.S. Institute of Medicine (now National Academy of Medicine), as provost of Harvard University, and as dean of the Harvard Chan School of Public Health. Prior to joining a philanthropic foundation, he devoted most of his academic career to the fields of health policy and medical decision-making. His past research has focused on global health, assessment of medical technology, evaluation and use of vaccines, and dissemination of medical innovations.

6. Sigma Xi Annual Meeting Goes Virtual

Sigma Xi’s Annual Meeting and Student Research Conference is going virtual! Join us online November 4-7, 2021, for an immersive four days of research presentations, awards, networking forums, and more. The previously planned in-person components of the event, including the STEM Art and Film Festival and the College and Graduate School Fair, will now be held online in a dynamic virtual environment. Visit sigmaxi.org/amsrc to learn more and register today!

7. Call for papers- Florida Undergraduate Research Journal
The Florida Undergraduate Research Journal (FURJ) is a new publication opportunity for students to share their work with others beyond their campus journals. Student-authors will receive constructive feedback and comments at each stage of the process to foster their research and writing skills as submissions will undergo a tiered review process that assesses the focus of the question, the content, the methodology, and the audience; followed then by a review of the content by those dedicated and committed to high-quality student research.

Publication of your research in a professional journal is a great experience and will help your resume!

Submissions are accepted from all disciplines and are considered on a rolling basis. Learn more about the journal and how to submit your work HERE.

8. National Undergraduate Presentation and Paper Opportunities

Please note that this list is constantly being updated as new opportunities become available and is presented by deadline and not in order of receipt.

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). 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**, "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 Proposals**, “Cities under Stress: Urban Discourses of Crisis, Resilience, Resistance, Renewal”; 3rd Intl Conference of the Assn for Literary Urban Studies | **Deadline September 1, 2021**
- **Call for Abstracts**, 35th Conference on Climate Variability and Change, American Meteorological Society (offers student awards) | **Deadline September 1, 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**
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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**

Have a great week!

Best,
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