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 taking place TODAY, Monday, September 13 from 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, September 21 from 8-9am.
2. Applications now being accepted for the ICAT Roger and Debbie West Student SEAD Grants

The Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology (ICAT) will award five student grants for the 2021-2022 academic year for $1,000 each. ICAT invites applicants for projects that leverage the combined strengths of science, engineering, art, and design to tackle real-world challenges. These funds can be used to pursue a range of transdisciplinary activities that are creativity-fueled and human-centric. Teams must be comprised of at least two students, from at least two different colleges, and one team member must represent arts and/or design. If two team members are from the same college they must be from different departments within that college. Full information can be found at [https://icat.vt.edu/funding.html](https://icat.vt.edu/funding.html)

Applications due **October 8**.

3. Research Opportunity- Bee-Friendly Beef Project
The Tracy research group is seeking student volunteers interested in beekeeping, wildflower, and grassland research as part of the Bee-Friendly Beef Project underway. Field season continues and there will be opportunities to get involved in field sampling in the next 2 months. Winter opportunities include work in the greenhouse, sample processing in the lab, and data entry.

Working for the lab group can lead to independent research opportunities, new skills, and recommendations for future paid positions. The ideal student would be available for a summer paid position in 2022. [https://beesandbeef.spes.vt.edu/](https://beesandbeef.spes.vt.edu/)

Interested students should contact Raven Larcom ([rmlarc20@vt.edu](mailto:rmlarc20@vt.edu)) about bees or Jonathan Kubesch ([jonathankubesch@vt.edu](mailto:jonathankubesch@vt.edu)) with a resume as well as interest (pollinators, plants, or cattle).

### 4. Research Abroad Opportunity

Technical University of Munich (TUM) announces the relaunch of [TUM PREP](https://tum-prep.org) in summer 2022 and all research projects offered for the summer 2022 are now available via the [TUM PREP Website](https://tum-prep.org). TUM PREP will start on July 4, 2022 and will end on September 2, 2022.

For TUM PREP 2022, students can choose between a large variety of about 50 interesting research projects being offered by many different departments / Schools from 5 different TUM campuses:

- Computation, Information & Technology (CIT)
- Engineering & Design (ED)
- Natural Sciences (NAT)
- Life Sciences (LS)
- Medicine & Health (MH)
- Management (MGT)
Students outside of the engineering and natural sciences research is available in our departments of Architecture, Management, Sport and Health Sciences and Management.

Additionally, there are for the first time projects offered at our new TUM Campus Straubing for Biotechnology and Sustainability.

Via the online TUM PREP Project Database it is easy to browse the different projects. Students can search for one of the TUM departments / Schools, but also for keywords like the academic fields the respective project supervisors are looking for. This encourages students to also choose projects in a different field/ department / School than their study focus at the home university.

The application period for TUM PREP via our online application platform will open on Friday, October 1, 2021. Students will find the link to the online platform on the TUM PREP Website. Application deadline is Sunday, November 21, 2021.

If you are interested in this program and want to learn more, please contact Maureen Deisinger (email: mdeising@vt.edu) in VT's Global Education Office.

5. Call for Papers: International Conference on Social Media & Society

We are pleased to announce the Call for Papers for the 2022 International Conference on Social Media & Society (#SM Society)! #SM Society will be held virtually on July 18th & 19th, 2022. The conference’s two-day program will feature live panels and paper presentations, tutorials, and networking events.

In keeping with the conference’s inter- and transdisciplinary focus, we welcome both quantitative and qualitative scholarly and original submissions that crosses disciplinary boundaries and expands our understanding of current and future trends in social media research across many fields including (but not limited to): Communication, Computer Science, Education, Journalism, Information Science, Law, Management, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology.
6. Save the Date: NCUR 2022 @Home

The National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) is dedicated to the celebration and promotion of undergraduate research student achievement. This year, the event will take place virtually on April 4-8, 2022, with an orientation on April 1 and a celebratory reflection and award recognition ceremony on April 11. As a virtual conference, NCUR will be providing programming spread out over a week’s time that includes primary education taking place in discipline-specific learning cohorts, poster and oral presentations, and -- a new addition this year -- an opt-in competitive experience. Mark your calendars and look for updated information on abstract submissions, registration deadlines, and more in the coming weeks. Keep track of new updates on NCUR 2022 >>
7. Submit Abstracts to the Sigma Xi Annual Meeting

Attention Students: Present your research to an international audience at our 2021 Student Research Conference! The deadline to submit abstracts for poster presentations is September 24, 2021. The conference will be held virtually, in conjunction with Sigma Xi’s Annual Meeting, November 4-7. Do not miss your chance to share your research and network with peers and professionals across all scientific disciplines. Visit www.sigmaxi.org/src to learn more and submit your abstract.

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, Conference on Digital Experimentation, MIT | Deadline September 15, 2021
- Call for Posters, 2022 Florida Music Education Association Professional Development Conference | Deadline September 19, 2021
- Call for Papers, "On Transition," Process: Journal of Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Scholarship | Deadline September 20, 2021
• **Call for Abstracts**, 2021 Student and Early Career Scientist Conference on Topics in Severe Local Storms, American Meteorological Society | **Deadline September 20, 2021**

• **Call for Poster Proposals**, 2022 Georgia Association of Historians Annual Meeting | **Deadline September 24, 2021**

• **Call for Abstracts**, 12th Conference on Data and Application Security and Privacy, Association for Computing Machinery | **Deadline September 27, 2021**

• **Call for Proposals**, “Indigenous-Mennonite Encounters in Time and Place” Conference, University of Waterloo | **Deadline September 30, 2021**

• **Call for Papers**, 12th National Conference on Earthquake Engineering | **Deadline October 15, 2021**

• **Call for Proposals**, “History Unmasked,” 2022 Virginia Forum | **Deadline October 15, 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 Abstracts**, 2022 Indigenous Borderlands in North America Symposium, University of New Mexico | **Deadline November 10, 2021**

• **Call for Proposals;** “Literary Geographies: Space, Place, and Environments”; Conference on Christianity and Literature, Biola University | **Deadline November 15, 2021**

• **Call for Submissions**, Second Railroads in Native America Gathering and Symposium | **Deadline December 15, 2021**

• **Call for Papers, **The Reed Undergraduate Journal of Existentialism, St. Olaf College | **Deadline January 31, 2022**

• **Call for Papers**, 2022 Virtual International Conference on Social Media and Society | **Deadline January 31, 2022**

• **Call for Submissions, JOSHUA: Journal of Science and Health**, University of Alabama | **Deadline February 28, 2022**

9. National Undergraduate Internship and Research 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.

- Spring 2022 Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships (SULI), US Dept of Energy | **Deadline October 6, 2021**
- Naval Research Enterprise Internship Program | **Deadline November 1, 2021**
- Visiting Scientist Program, Counterterrorism, and Forensic Science Research Unit, FBI | **Applications reviewed on a rolling basis**

Have a great week!

Best,
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