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 tomorrow, Tuesday, September 21 from 8-9am 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 Monday, September 27 from 4-5pm.
2. First-Generation Meet and Greet

Are you a First Generation student? Want to connect with other first generation members of the VT campus community? Join us on September 22, 5:30-7pm at the Holtzman Alumni Center. Attendance is limited, so registration is required. Please click here to register.
3. Applications being accepted: John E. Dooley Student Engagement Grant

VT Engage: The Center for Leadership and Service Learning is excited to request proposals from students for the 2020-21 John E. Dooley Student Engagement Grant (JEDSEG). This grant is made possible by the generosity of many donors, and funds highly motivated students or student teams planning to implement community-based civic engagement projects. This year there is a total of $1,500 available (one $1500 grant or two, $750 grants) with an application deadline of October 10 at 11:59pm. Recipients of the grant will be notified in mid-October and projects should be completed by April 9, 2021.

Details and related proposal forms can be found at: https://engage.vt.edu/programs/grants.html

4. Apply Today- Brooke Owens Fellowship in Aerospace for female and gender-minority undergrads

Applications are now being accepted for the Brooke Owens Fellowship, which includes paid internships and executive mentorship for exceptional undergraduate women and gender-minority students in aerospace.
Created to honor the legacy of a beloved space industry pioneer and accomplished pilot, Dawn Brooke Owens (1980 – 2016), the Brooke Owens Fellowship is designed to serve both as an inspiration and as a career boost to capable young women and other gender minorities who, like Brooke, aspire to explore our sky and stars, to shake up the aerospace industry, and to help their fellow people here on planet Earth. They do this by matching up to forty students per year with purpose-driven, paid internships at leading aerospace companies and organizations and with senior and executive level mentors.

Learn more about the program and application process [HERE](#). Application deadline is October 8, 2021.

5. Call for Papers: TAMU History Conference 2022 - "Exploring the Margins of History"

The History Graduate Student Organization at Texas A&M University is proud to announce that our 12th annual graduate and undergraduate history student conference will take place on February 18th and 19th, 2022. This conference is an opportunity for students to showcase their research in front of their peers, as well as experts from a variety of historical fields. We are pleased to announce Pulitzer Prize-winning author and professor of history at Rice University, Dr. W. Caleb McDaniel, as our keynote speaker, and Dr. Amy J. Rutenberg, award-winning author and professor of history at Iowa State University, as our distinguished speaker.

The theme for this year's conference is "Exploring the Margins of History." In selecting this theme, the conference honors the evolution of historical scholarship that has shone a light on people previously ignored or marginalized, and maintains that their time in the shadows remains an essential topic for historical examination. We thus celebrate the accomplishments of the present, while also addressing the shortcomings of the past. We welcome papers on underrepresented individuals and groups, as well as events, conflicts, movements, theories, innovations, inventions, environments, nonhuman actors, etc., that assist in shaping our understanding and appreciation of history. We encourage students to think outside of the box in considering the significance, and perhaps singular importance, of a subject matter.
inhabiting the fringes of our collective memory. We encourage students in all historical fields, as well as disciplines outside of history, to submit paper proposals for consideration.

Undergraduate and graduate students interested in presenting at the conference must submit a 250-word (maximum) abstract, along with a curriculum vitae (CV), by **Friday, November 19, 2021**. Notifications of acceptance will be sent via e-mail by **Monday, December 20, 2021**. Accepted presenters will have until **Friday, February 4, 2022**, to submit completed papers, not to exceed ten pages. Any graduate students interested in participating in a "lightning-style" discussion (a short five-minute presentation of your research) on topics related to War and Society should express such interest when sending in their abstract. All submissions and correspondence should be emailed to: tamuconference2022@gmail.com.

Awards in recognition of excellence will be presented to the best overall PhD., M.A., and undergraduate papers. Travel grants will also be awarded on the basis of need and merit.

Learn more [HERE](#).

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6. Call for Submissions: Virginia Academy of Science 2021 Fall Undergraduate Research Meeting

The VAS Fall Undergraduate Research Meeting is a research grant proposal competition, which has been held annually since the Fall of 2001. This year, it is taking place on Saturday, October 30 at Hampden-Sydney College, 10 am – ~4 pm. In order to participate in this meeting, undergraduate students, in conjunction with their faculty mentors, are required to:
(1) Prepare and submit the online Undergraduate Research Grant Application by the **October 1 deadline**.

(2) Develop posters outlining the proposed research (following the criteria of the Fall Meeting Poster Guidelines) and present their posters at the Fall Undergraduate Research Meeting on October 30.

**NOTE:** Both the Research Grant Applications and the Poster Presentations will be evaluated to determine the recipients of the research grants.

Nine Undergraduate Research Grant Awards of $750 each will be awarded to selected recipients at the end of this meeting. The grant award recipients will also be awarded student membership in the Virginia Academy of Science for 2021-2022 and will be expected to present the results of their research at the 2022 VAS Annual Meeting in May at University of Richmond.

Please note that it is the intention of VAS to distribute the Undergraduate Research Grant Awards by institution, discipline, and faculty mentors.

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**Meeting Participation Procedures**

1. Each grant application must include one or more undergraduate students and one or more faculty mentors.
   - Student applicants must be undergraduates enrolled in 2- or 4-year colleges or universities in Virginia. Student applicants do not need to be members of the Virginia Academy of Science.
   - Faculty mentors must be faculty members affiliated with 2- or 4-year colleges or universities in Virginia.
   
   Faculty mentors must be members in good standing (i.e., paid dues for 2021) of the Virginia Academy of Science by the October 1 grant application submission deadline. Current VAS membership status can be confirmed by contacting the VAS Associate Executive Officer at vasoffice@vacadsci.org.

   If needed, the VAS Individual Membership Form is available on the VAS website via the link below. [http://vacadsci.org/vas-membership/join-and-become-a-member/individual-membership-form/](http://vacadsci.org/vas-membership/join-and-become-a-member/individual-membership-form/)

2. The Undergraduate Research Grant Application can be accessed and completed at the link below. [https://secure4.hsc.edu/forms/view.php?id=168386](https://secure4.hsc.edu/forms/view.php?id=168386)

3. The deadline for student applicants and their mentors to complete the online Undergraduate Research Grant Application is Friday, October 1, 2021 (by midnight).
4. Student applicants must register for and attend the 2021 VAS Fall Undergraduate Research Meeting on Saturday October 30, 2021 at Hampden-Sydney College (in Prince Edward County) and present posters outlining their proposed research projects (following the criteria of the Fall Meeting Poster Guidelines).
If needed, driving directions to Hampden-Sydney College are available on the Hampden-Sydney College website via the link below.
http://www.hsc.edu/about-h-sc/visit-h-sc

5. Faculty mentors are strongly encouraged to accompany their students to the 2021 VAS Fall Undergraduate Research Meeting on Saturday October 30, 2021 at Hampden-Sydney College (in Prince Edward County).
If needed, driving directions to Hampden-Sydney College are available on the Hampden-Sydney College website via the link below.
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6. ALL 2021 Fall Undergraduate Research Meeting attendees (i.e., student applicants, faculty mentors, judges, guests) must register for the meeting ($15 registration fee).

NOTE: Registration information will be available on the VAS website at a later date.

The deadline for registering for the 2021 VAS Fall Undergraduate Research Meeting is Friday October 16, 2021. Please note that the VT Office of Undergraduate Research will pay for registration fees for student participants. Please contact Keri Swaby (kswaby@vt.edu) for more information.

The Virginia Academy of Science is incorporated in Virginia as a charitable, scientific, and educational organization, is an IRS 501 (c) 3 qualified organization, and is registered with the Virginia Department of Consumer Affairs. Learn more about the VAS HERE.
Abstracts are now being accepted for NCUR 2022 @home!

What is new this year?
· Provide programming spread out over a week's time that includes primary education taking place in learning discipline-specific cohorts.
· Ability to enhance the student's experience by providing an opt-in competitive element during the early-bird abstract submission round.
· The opportunity for all registered students with an accepted abstract submission to present to a discipline-specific cohort group for 10-15 minutes for all accepted students, including those posters and visual art image submissions.
· Allow further exposure and celebration with a special registration offering for family and friends to those accepted and registered students.
· Specific separate Future Fair meet-up hours that include interactive game activities with prizes.
· Taking place on a new platform integrated with Zoom.

Where is NCUR 2022 @home?
NCUR 2022 @home will take place virtually on April 4-8, 2022, with a welcome reception on April 1, 2022, and a celebratory award ceremony on April 11, 2022, for those who have opted-in to the competition aspect.

When are upcoming deadlines I should note about abstract submissions?
· October 20, 2021: Early-Bird Abstract Submission and Opt-in for Competition Deadline
· Week of November 15, 2021: Early-Bird Abstract Submission Decision Notifications
· November 19, 2021: Regular Abstract Submission Deadline (not eligible for competition aspect)
· Week of January 10, 2022: Regular Abstract Submission Notifications Sent

Why should I submit early?
Submitting an abstract before the early-bird abstract submission deadline of October 20, 2021, allows for a student to:
· Opt-in to the competition aspect of NCUR to gain additional exposure and provides an opportunity to highlight presentation skills.
· Register for the lowest NCUR registration rate before December 20, 2021.
· Ability to start preparing early to lessen spring semester stress.
How can I submit my abstract?

Submissions are now open. Simply click HERE, create an account, and you are on your way!

What will VT cover?

The VT Office of Undergraduate Research will cover registration expenses for students accepted to present at NCUR. Please note that we are only able to support one student per presentation. Please list the OUR on your application.

8. 2022 GRFP Application open for submission

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported STEM disciplines who are pursuing research-based master’s and doctoral degrees at accredited US institutions. The five-year fellowship includes three years of financial support including an annual stipend of $34,000 and a cost of education allowance of $12,000 to the institution.

Students can apply before they begin graduate studies (i.e. as seniors) and as an early graduate student. Learn more about the program and application requirements HERE. The fellowship is competitive, and those planning to apply should devote a sincere effort to their application.

Deadlines vary by discipline, between October 18 and 22. Click HERE for the full list of deadlines.
9. 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 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**

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10. National Undergraduate Internship and Research Opportunities

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- **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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