Hi!

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1. Reminder - Undergraduate Research form required for ANY research participation
The Virginia Tech Plan for Reinstating Undergraduate Research for 2020-2021 establishes the conditions under which undergraduates can return to conduct research during the fall 2020 semester. Included in this Plan is a new mandatory form indicating agreement to the requirements for conducting undergraduate research. Students are required to initiate and sign the form. Upon submission, the form will be automatically forwarded to the research supervisor for signature. This form will be in addition to any college level forms required for students wishing to register for undergraduate research credit hours.

These requirements apply to ALL Virginia Tech undergraduate students who will be conducting face-to-face research, whether for credit, for pay, or as volunteers and align with the existing requirements that were approved for Fall teaching labs as well as the research requirements established by the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation (OVPRI). Failure to complete the form will prohibit students from engaging in in-person research activities and can result in students being dropped from research courses.

2. OUR Operations
As a reminder, the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) will be operating virtually throughout the Fall semester. But even though we aren't available in-person we are still available to help you. We can be reached by email at undergraduateresearch@vt.edu. Answers to many questions can be found on our website.

OUR Ambassadors are available to work with you one-on-one but have moved their daily office hours online. Meet the ambassadors, learn about their drop-in office hours, and how to connect with them directly via email on their webpage. Drop-in office hours this semester will be held via zoom:

- Mondays 6-7pm
- Tuesdays 4-5pm
- Wednesdays 9-10am
- Thursdays 3-4pm
- Fridays 10-11am

Zoom link for all office hours: virginiatech.zoom.us/my/research (personal ID number: 540 231 3580)
3. Scientists/Exhibitors wanted for Virginia Tech Science Festival 2020 Meetups
Do you have an amazing and fascinating science idea to share with learners? The 2020 Virginia Tech Science Festival is the perfect event to showcase your work, and the time is now!

The COVID edition of the Virginia Tech Science Festival maintains safe, two-way conversations between scientists and learners by hosting teleconferenced Meetups between learner groups and scientists before the official festival date. Edited videos of these teleconferences will be unveiled to the public on the festival day.

What qualifies as science? Well, our saying has always been that “Science is bigger than you think.” Science is a way of thinking and includes social sciences, arts about science, science about arts, humanities based on data, business based on data, and much more. If you'd like to participate, but aren't sure whether you fit, feel free to reach out. This is an opportunity to show our community the breadth and depth of the work we do at Virginia Tech.

Meetups happen between September 1 and October 31. Meetups should take about 30 minutes, during which time our host will introduce you to the learners, you share a demonstration or quick spiel, and learners will have the chance to ask questions. When the Meetup ends, your commitment is complete. We'll take care of connecting you with learners, hosting the meetup, editing the video, and evaluating the event. You just bring your enthusiasm, your science, and your willingness to have two-way conversations with learners.

Some guidelines when you are ready to participate: You'll need

- A title. This exhibit name will identify your project on the festival webpage. It must be 75 characters or less, including spaces. It should be exciting and informative. It should not have your organization name in it or end with an exclamation mark. ("Boring!" is still not exciting.)

- One person on your team who will receive emails about the event.

- A description of your program/exhibit in 500 characters or less.

- An image to represent your project.

- To connect your exhibit/program to something regular people can understand.

- To connect your exhibit/program to careers.

- To design an experience that allows learners to interact in some way. Lectures are for another day. Plan for your experience to take about 20 minutes, with 5 minutes at the beginning for setup and 5 minutes at the end for questions and wrap-up.

- To identify some questions you hope learners will ask you.
• To identify some dates that will work for you. To start with, we are scheduling these events on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9:30 and 4:00. If you need to present at a different time, let us know.

We will begin scheduling Meetups on August 25. The Meetup request form closes September 30. Please let us know you're interested by completing the Meetup form.

We'll also need information about your team members. Each person on your team should complete the Exhibitor/Volunteer form.

4. Research funding opportunity- American Psychology-Law Society
The American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS; Division 41 of the APA) has created a new research funding opportunity open to undergraduate student members of AP-LS. The award will offer small grants (maximum of $1000) for undergraduate empirical research that addresses psycholegal issues with submissions awarded in the Fall (October 15) and Spring (January 15) of each academic year.

They are currently accepting proposal submissions for the October 15 deadline. Please see the award page for full details on this new award including eligibility criteria and submission instructions.

5. Running list of Undergraduate Research Opportunities (funding, presentations, etc)
   • ePoster or Oral Presentation Session, ABRCMS | Deadline September 11
   • Call for Posters, Online 15th Annual Autism Conference, Association for Behavior Analysis International | Deadline September 16
   • Call for Poster Abstracts, Eighth Annual Virtual Conference, Black Doctoral Network | Deadline August 31
   • 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting and Student Research Conference, Sigma Xi | Deadline [poster presentation abstract] October 1
   • “Pitch It to Win It,” Herman and Myrtle Goldstein Undergraduate Student Competition, American Assn of Textile Chemists and Colorists | Deadline January 26, 2021
   • 2021 RASC-AL Competition, National Institute of Aerospace | Deadline March 4, 2021
   • Twenty-First Annual Steel Design Student Competition, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture | Deadline June 2, 2021
   • Grants in Aid of Research Program, Sigma Xi | Deadline October 1
   • Publication Grants, Textbook and Academic Authors Assn | Deadline October 31
   • Call for Abstracts, 2020 Bays and Bayous Virtual Symposium | Deadline September 7
   • Call for Papers, “Archaeology in a Time of Unprecedented Crisis,” Virtual Conference, Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology | Deadline September 15
   • Call for Abstracts, 2020 Virtual Symposium on Substance Use Research | Deadline September 18
   • Call for Abstracts, "Faces of Stigma," November Virtual International Conference on Stigma, Howard University | Deadline September 18
   • Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, Earthquake Engineering Research Institute | Deadline October 1
Have a good week. Be Committed. Be well.

Best,
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