Hi!

I hope you are settling back in to a routine now. Thank you to all who came to OUR information sessions last week.... we enjoyed meeting you and answering your questions. Don't worry if you missed the information sessions or still have questions and need help. We are here to help and have a number of ways to engage. Check out our website for OUR resources and guidance: [www.research.undergraduate.vt.edu](http://www.research.undergraduate.vt.edu).

Here's what's included in our newsletter this week:

1. OUR Fall Office Hours
   Starting this week, OUR Student Ambassadors are hosting office hours every day while classes are in session:
   - Mondays 1-2
   - Tuesdays 4-5
   - Wednesdays 10-11
   - Thursdays 3-4
   - Fridays 8-9
   Drop-in to Burruss Hall, Suite 104 during these times to meet with an Ambassador. You can also reach out to an Ambassadors directly: [https://www.research.undergraduate.vt.edu/AboutUs/Ambassadors1.html](https://www.research.undergraduate.vt.edu/AboutUs/Ambassadors1.html)

2. Gobblerfest
   Come visit the OUR table at Gobblerfest this Friday, September 6 from 4-7pm! We should be set up in the Green Neighborhood ([https://campuslife.vt.edu/Student_Orgs/gobblerfest/event_details.html](https://campuslife.vt.edu/Student_Orgs/gobblerfest/event_details.html)). Spin our prize wheel, win a prize, meet OUR Ambassadors, learn about two new research clubs (Academic Undergraduate Research Association and STEM Research Conference Commission), and find out more about undergraduate research at VT.

3. CALS Academic Programs Workshop Series
   Calling all CALS sophomores! Come out for the first workshop in the new series "Life after your first year: make the most of your college experience", which will focus on internships and undergraduate research. Join us on Monday, September 16, 6-7:30pm in Litton-Reaves 1670 to learn more about searching for internships and undergraduate research opportunities, interact with CALS students about their experiences, and have your questions about career exploration answered. Space is limited. Sign up here by September 9: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeF1z8uO2YG7z5yRmP1fDgF3uVwlFsa5-BTTJUjNuqEgcWXJQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeF1z8uO2YG7z5yRmP1fDgF3uVwlFsa5-BTTJUjNuqEgcWXJQ/viewform)
4. Research Scholarships
a) Jacklyn W. and William R. Jones, Jr. Experiential Learning Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Jacklyn W. and William R. Jones, Jr. Experiential Learning Scholarship, which 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.

Fall deadline: Sept 12

Apply at: https://vt.academicworks.com/

b) Dennis Dean Undergraduate Research Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Dennis Dean Undergraduate Research Scholarship, which 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.

Fall deadline: Sept 18

Apply at: https://vt.academicworks.com/

5. VAS Fall Undergraduate Research Meeting
The Virginia Academy of Science’s Fall Undergraduate Research Meeting is a research grant proposal competition, which has been held annually since the Fall of 2001. In order to participate in this meeting, undergraduate students, in conjunction with their faculty mentors, are required to:

(1) Prepare and submit an 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 November 2 at Christopher Newport University (9 am – ~5 pm).

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 2020 and will be expected to present the results of their research at the 2020 VAS Annual Meeting in May at James Madison University.
The deadline for electronic submission of 2019 Undergraduate Research Grant Applications is **October 1, 2019**. More details and instructions can be found in the attached document. Please refer questions to: cconway@vacadsci.org

Have a great week!
Best,
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