Summer 2021 Undergraduate Research Professional Development Series
Wednesdays, 4-5pm (unless otherwise listed)
Via zoom

**Note:** Sessions will be recorded and posted on our video repository on Canvas.

**6/2/2021: VT Graduate School Welcome**
The Virginia Tech graduate school invites you to learn more about its programs through a fun and interactive virtual welcome reception on zoom. Attendees will receive a VT graduate school application fee waiver.
Join: https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/87686414859

**6/9/2020: Communicating Your Research Workshop**
Join Daniel Bird Tobin from the Center for Communicating Science in one of these live interactive workshops that will help you start to develop communication skills and confidence in sharing your research. All three Communicating Your Research Sessions are the same; students are invited to attend only one at 12-1:30pm, 4-5:30pm, or 6-7:30pm. Register to attend HERE.

**6/16/21: Research Alumni Panel- Where Can Research Take You?**
Hear from recent VT graduates who all pursued undergraduate research but have followed very different career paths. Get inspired by their fascinating stories and ask questions since they were in your shoes not long ago.
Join: https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/87686414859

**6/23/2021: Funding Graduate School**
Join Kelsey Reed, a PhD candidate in Translational Plant Sciences, to learn about the application process and best practices to submit a competitive application to the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship and Fulbright Programs.
Join: https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/87686414859

**6/30/2021: Skill Identification and Resume Writing for Researchers**
Join Meredith Gerber from VT’s Career and Professional Development Center in this workshop to help you identify the key skills you are gaining as a researcher and how best to showcase those on your resume.
Join: https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/87686414859

**7/7/2021: Writing Your Personal Statement**
In this workshop, Dr. Paul Heilker, Associate Professor & Dir. Rhetoric and Writing and Director of the Honors Laureate Program, will lead participants in the step-wise process of crafting an effective personal statement.
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**7/14/2021: Graduate School Panel**
Faculty and admissions officers from a number of graduate and professional programs including Vet Med and the Medical School, will share tips for making you a highly competitive candidate for admission. Graduate students will also share their insights and experiences in graduate school, from
applying and selecting a faculty advisor, securing funding, and the day to day activities that define graduate work.

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**7/21/2020, 4-6pm: Individual presentation help sessions**
Get personalized help on honing your visual and verbal presentation skills from experts in University Libraries, just in time to create your video presentation for the summer research conference. Sign up for an individual 15-minute slot [HERE](https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/87686414859). When you select your slot please list your full name and email address.

**7/29/2020: Virtual Summer Research Conference**
The summer culminates with our annual research conference where researchers celebrate a successful summer and showcase their work in short video presentations. Registration and abstracts are due at 5pm, July 19 and video presentations are due by 9am, July 26. More information about the conference, including registration form, is available [HERE](https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/87686414859).