

Summer 2022 Undergraduate Research Professional Development Series
Wednesdays, 4-5pm
Steger Center Auditorium (unless otherwise noted)

Note: Where possible, sessions will be recorded and posted on [our video repository on Canvas](#).

6/1/2022: VT Graduate School Welcome

Location: Graduate Life Center (GLC)

The Virginia Tech Graduate School invites you to learn more about its programs through a fun and interactive welcome reception. Attendees will receive a VT graduate school application fee waiver.

6/8/22: Being An Effective Mentee

The mentor-mentee relationship plays an important role in cultivating a culture of ethical research and innovation. Students who feel supported by their mentors are often more comfortable asking questions and voicing their concerns, which in turn helps researchers to work through potential issues in a more proactive manner. Join Kory Trott, Director of Research Integrity and Consultation, to explore ways to make the most of your relationship with your mentor.

6/15/2022: 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.

6/22/2022: 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.

6/29/2022: Graduate School Panel

Faculty and admissions officers from several graduate and professional programs at VT 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.

7/6/2022: Funding for Graduate School

Join Kelsey Reed, a PhD candidate in Translational Plant Sciences, to learn about the process and best practices to submit a competitive application to the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship and Fulbright Programs. Information and tips will be relevant for other funding applications.

7/13/2022: Presentation Help Session

Join Amanda MacDonald from University Libraries to get tips on creating and presenting an effective poster, in preparation for the Summer Undergraduate Research Conference. Bring your draft poster and receive direct one-on-one feedback.

7/20/2022: Communicating Your Research

Location: Multipurpose Rm, Newman Library: 4-6pm and 6:30-8:30pm

Join Daniel Bird Tobin from the Center for Communicating Science in an interactive workshop that will help you to distill your research message as you prepare to present at the Summer Undergraduate Research Conference. Through this workshop, you will refine your communication skills and build confidence in sharing your research. Two identical sessions will be offered: 4-6pm and 6:30-8:30pm. Sign up is required as each session is capped at 20 participants. [Sign up here.](#)

7/28/2022: Summer Research Conference

The summer culminates with our annual research conference where researchers celebrate a successful summer and showcase their work in poster presentations. Registration and abstracts are due at 5pm, July 18. More information about the conference, including registration form, is available [HERE](#).