Hi!

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1. The OUR will be at the Majors Fair on Wednesday
The 2019 Majors Fair is happening this Wednesday, October 2, 10:00 am-3:00 pm, in the Squires Commonwealth Ballroom. The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) will have an information table and ambassadors available to answer all of your research related questions. Stop by... We hope to see you there.

2. Inaugural VT Latinx Symposium
The first Virginia Tech Latinx Symposium will take place on Friday October 25th in the Squires Student Center Old Dominion Ballroom. More information, including a tentative schedule for the Symposium, is available on the website: [http://www.hfsc.org.vt.edu/symposium/](http://www.hfsc.org.vt.edu/symposium/)
We are soliciting proposals from undergraduate and graduate students to present posters at the Symposium. We are looking for a broad variety of research ideas, disciplines, and approaches from students who identify as Latinx or Hispanic. **Submission deadline is October 4.**

Conference organizers will provide assistance for printing posters, easels for mounting them at the event, and even tutorials on how to present a poster. Students can submit those ideas with this survey: [https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3lcjsgLn12lvOWF](https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3lcjsgLn12lvOWF).

Faculty, staff, and students interested in attending the Symposium can follow this link to register: [https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9mMuA96cdA4aS1f](https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9mMuA96cdA4aS1f). **Registration deadline is October 18.** You can come to one or more sessions, but we hope that you can make it to the whole Symposium!

Please email Veronica Montes (vmontes@vt.edu) with questions about the Symposium.

3. Present your research at inaugural statewide undergraduate research conference
The Network for Undergraduate Research in Virginia (NURVa) is a consortium of Virginia colleges and universities dedicated to supporting undergraduate research and creative activity throughout the state. The NURVa conference is an opportunity for undergraduates in all disciplines to present their research and creative work at a statewide conference. The inaugural conference will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2019, at Hampden-Sydney College in Hampden-Sydney, VA. Faculty mentors are encouraged to attend. Conference registration, which includes lunch, is $15. Virginia Tech's Office of Undergraduate
Research will provide transportation to all accepted student presenters and pay for student registration fees.

NURVa invites submissions from undergraduates in all disciplines in the categories of oral presentation, poster, or performance. Submit abstracts (750 words maximum) with one letter of support from a faculty mentor at https://tinyurl.com/NURVaConference.

Submission deadline is midnight, November 1, 2019. Flyer attached.

Any questions, contact Dr. David A. Salomon, david.salomon@cnu.edu.

4. Present your research at eLmL 2020 in Spain, March 2020

Students are invited to submit their research for presentation at the Twelfth International Conference on Mobile, Hybrid, and On-line Learning, eLmL 2020, to be held March 22, 2020 to March 26, 2020 in Barcelona, Spain.

More information and submission link: https://www.iaria.org/conferences2020/eLmL20.html

pdf version of information: https://www.iaria.org/conferences2020/fileseLmL20/SRI20.pdf

Submission deadline is November 8, 2019.

5. Funded support for students to do research in Switzerland

ThinkSwiss is an official scholarship program managed by the Office of Science, Technology, and Higher Education at the Embassy of Switzerland in Washington, D.C. The program is funded by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) and is supported by the Embassy of Switzerland in Ottawa, Canada. The aim of the program is to promote research opportunities in Switzerland for American and Canadian students and to foster the exchange between Swiss, U.S., and Canadian universities and research institutions.

The ThinkSwiss program is your opportunity to get involved with Switzerland – a global, knowledge-based country full of innovation, talent, and creativity. The program offers research scholarships at top Swiss universities to highly motivated and qualified students at U.S. and Canadian universities.

ThinkSwiss supports the exchange of expertise and know-how in policy-making, innovation, academia and the business community in Switzerland, the USA and Canada by engaging leaders and progressive thinkers in a creative environment. ThinkSwiss is an official program of the Swiss Confederation.

Read about other students’ ThinkSwiss experiences and stay tuned for updates on the ThinkSwiss application process at https://thinkswiss.tumblr.com/about

Eligibility Requirements

To apply for a ThinkSwiss Scholarship you must:

- Currently be enrolled at an accredited US or Canadian university/college
- Be a graduate student or an undergraduate student who will have completed the sophomore year by the time the research stay in Switzerland begins
- Provide a written confirmation from a professor at a Swiss university that they will accept you for a research stay in their group

Application deadline is January 15, 2020. Program and application details provided in attached document.
6. Virginia Space Grant Consortium STEM Research Scholarship Program
The VSGC Undergraduate STEM Research Scholarship Program provides awards of up to $8,500 to rising juniors and seniors who are enrolled full-time in a program of study in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) and have a specific faculty-mentored research project that has NASA or aerospace relevance. Allied Health Sciences majors are not eligible for this program.

To date, $7.5 million in scholarships and fellowships has been provided to students from Old Dominion University, Hampton University, The College of William and Mary, Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia. Last year alone, 75 students were awarded over $300K.

More info and link to online application: [http://vsgc.odu.edu/undergraduatescholarships/](http://vsgc.odu.edu/undergraduatescholarships/)

Here is a list of the different fields of study of the 2018-2019 awardees:

- Aerospace Engineering
- Applied Science
- Astronomy
- Atmospheric Science
- Biochemistry
- Biological Systems Engineering
- Biology
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Computational and Applied Mathematics
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Cyber Security/Computer Science
- Electrical and Electronics Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Mechanics
- Environmental Science
- Forestry
- General Engineering
- Geological Oceanography
- Marine and Environmental Science
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineer
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Oceanography
- Physics
- Planetary Science
The deadline to apply is January 31, 2020. Letters of reference are due on February 7, 2020. Please direct questions to Joyce Kuberek at 757-766-5210 or jkuberek@odu.edu.

Have a great week!

Best,
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