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Office hours: 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday-Friday
You may stop by 1170 or 1178 Graves Hall anytime to ask questions of Amy Lahmers, Program Director, or Lauren Graham, Program Coordinator.

E-Newsletter Submissions
To submit a news item to be considered for inclusion in the newsletter contact bsgp@osumc.edu

Graduate School News

Deadlines & Events

Deadlines
Presidential Fellowship applications due - March 25
Doctoral report forms-April 15
Final approved theses/dissertations-April 22

Events
Graduate Studies Committee Chairs Meeting (REGISTER)-February 3, 3:30-5
3MT Final-April 11
Fulbright and Fulbright-Hays Reception-April 11, 4:30-6
Commencement-May 8

Graduate Associate and Graduate Fellow Appointments Dates, 2016-2017
The Graduate Associate and Graduate Fellow Appointment Date document has been updated 2017.

Mental Health Panel
Please see attached flyer regarding a Mental Health Panel being organized by the Bennett Society & the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program (BSGP). The event will occur on Thursday, May 11 in 170 DHLRI. Please note: Because refreshments are being provided we are requesting RSVP.

RSVP: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cMzxdEtiaRZrEx

15th Annual OSUWMC Trainee Research Day, April 21
The 15th annual OSUWMC Trainee Research Day is scheduled to take place Thursday. OSU Wexner Medical Center faculty, staff and students are invited to attend. Trainee Research Day provides an opportunity for faculty, staff and students to appreciate the research being conducted in biomedical science by College of Medicine trainees of the Wexner Medical Center including postdoctoral fellows and researchers, clinical residents and fellows, graduate students and MD/PhD students and undergraduate students. More than 350 posters representing promising researchers will be on display throughout the day in the Biomedical Research Tower and Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute.

Faculty are encouraged to serve as judges in the poster competition in afternoon and morning sessions. There will be a keynote address by Richard Lifton, MD, PhD, chair of the Department of Sterling Professor of Genetics and Internal Medicine, founder and executive director of the Yale Center for Genome Analysis and investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Yale School of Medicine.

To eligible participants: A "Call for Abstracts" email containing instructions on how to submit research abstracts will be sent soon.
For more information about Trainee Research Day, visit the website or email researchday@osu.edu
Call for Nominations - The Presidential Fellowship

The Presidential Fellowship (guidelines: http://www.gradsch.osu.edu/Depo/PDF/PresHowaldSBCGuidelines.pdf) recognizes the outstanding scholarly accomplishments and potential of graduate students entering the final phase of their dissertation research or terminal degree project. These fellowships provide financial support so that they may devote one year of full-time study to the completion of the dissertation unimpeded by other duties. Recipients of this award embody the highest standards of scholarly accomplishment in our graduate programs. A minimum of a 3.6 GPA is required (a 3.8 or higher GPA is competitive).

In advance of the Graduate School's submission deadline, the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program will need any applications of students who wish to be considered by Friday, March 11. You may email your completed application with the materials below to Amy Lahmers at lahmers.8@osu.edu. Once we receive student applications, we will rank the applicants and we will write the Graduate Studies Committee Chair's nomination letter.

Required materials:
1. Student's current Academic Advising Report
2. Student's complete graduate vitae
3. Abstract of dissertation proposal or terminal degree project
4. Student's research statement
5. Advisor's statement
6. Three letters of evaluation only (excluding the advisor's statement)

See the Guidelines at: http://www.gradsch.osu.edu/Depo/PDF/PresHowaldSBCGuidelines.pdf for details.

Events

Neuroscience Seminar Series

"Shaping plasticity to enhance recovery after brain injury"

Monday, February 22nd, 2016
12:00-1:00 pm
170 Davis Heart and Lung Research Institute

Randolph J. Nudo, Ph.D. is Professor & Vice Chair of Research, Department of Rehabilitation and the Director of the Landon Center on Aging. As Director of the Landon Center on Aging, Dr. Nudo is responsible for the Center on Aging, coordination of interdisciplinary research and service activities, and the development of new programs devoted to the health and well-being of older Kansans.

Dr. Nudo’s Cortical Plasticity Laboratory focuses on understanding the brain’s self-repair capacity, and developing novel therapeutic approaches based on neuroscientific principles. Dr. Nudo is Principal Investigator on an NIH funded project to study neural mechanisms of functional recovery after stroke. This grant has had continuous funding since 1993. Due to the cutting-edge nature of this research...
and the potential implications for future stroke treatments, Dr. Nudo was selected by the Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke for the prestigious Javits Investigator Award in Neuroscience. He is also collaborating with electrical engineers at Case Western Reserve University on a grant from the Department of Defense to develop implantable electronic microdevices to repair pathways in the brain after traumatic brain injury. Dr. Nudo serves as co-Investigator on projects to develop neural interfaces to alleviate disability after spinal cord injury.

Versatile PhD Panel, Software Development for STEM PhDs

February 22-26
Versatile PhD will host a free virtual panel discussion on careers in software development. Panelists include two applied mathematics PhDs, a biophysics PhD, and a genetics PhD who all work in software development.
More...

Job Search: Salary Negotiations

The Ohio Union Activities Board (OUAB) is hosting Job Search: Salary Negotiations
Learn what to do when a search committee is prepared to offer you a faculty position. We'll provide strategies for responding to a department's offer, share some of the common elements around which candidates might negotiate, and discuss how to communicate effectively throughout the process of negotiation.
More...

Spring 2016 Undergraduate Research Expo

The Undergraduate Research Office is pleased to announce the all-new Spring Undergraduate Research Expo on Wednesday, March 30, 2016, to be held from 9:30-11:00am in the RPAC. Doctoral and professional students are needed to review student poster presentations in all disciplines!

The Forum is not a judged event, but presents an opportunity for more than 300 undergraduate students to showcase their research while gaining valuable presentation experience. Students are provided with feedback about their posters and oral presentations and discuss their research with others.

Reviewers will be asked to provide feedback to 2-3 student poster presentations. Those interested in reviewing presentations can sign up at: Denman.osu.edu/judgeregistration.aspx. Please register by February 19.

Questions can be directed to Amanda Perrin at Perrin.42@osu.edu.
17th Annual Scientific Meeting - Submit your abstract and register

Friday, April 22
7:15 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Ohio Union
1739 N. High St.
Columbus, OH 43210

The event will include basic, clinical, translational and population science presentations from OSUCCC-James and external cancer research experts, a large poster review, the Art of Cancer Research Competition, poster awards, closing reception and more.

Abstract Submissions

OSUCCC members as well as residents, post-doctoral fellows and graduate students are encouraged to submit an abstract for review at our Annual Scientific Meeting. To be eligible for consideration for an award, abstracts must be submitted by the deadline using the OSUCCC - James abstract form.

SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT
Abstracts are due by Friday, Feb. 26.

NOTE: If you miss the deadline, you can still provide and present a poster, but the poster will not be judged and you will not be eligible for an award.

REGISTER FOR THE MEETING

The deadline to register is April 8.

Visit the ASM event page at cancer.osu.edu/2016ASM for the latest information.

Other Information

New Date for Three Minute Thesis, Applications Open

Application Deadline: February 29

The Graduate School is accepting applications now for the 3MT-a competition where doctoral students compete to present their research to a lay audience in three minutes using one static slide. The competition final is Monday, April 11.

Apply

Interested in participating as a faculty, staff, or student volunteer? Sign up.

Contact: Ben Reder

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Workshops

040 Page Hall

VITA is a national IRS program that assists low to middle income individuals with filing their annual tax returns. The Ohio State VITA Clinic gives students free access to computers, document assistants. Qualifying clients must be filing as independent and cannot have an annual income in excess of $52K.

VITA workshop dates

Contact: Scarlet and Gray Financial

Scarlet and Gray Financial Resources
Scarlet and Gray Financial offers one-on-one financial appointments, presentations, and online modules that are free and created intentionally for graduate and professional students. This month's featured online module is on financing higher education. More

Contact: Scarlet and Gray Financial

Buck-I-Serv

Buck-I-SERV is still looking for graduate/professional students or faculty/staff members to fill advisor positions on spring Buck-I-SERV trips. Anyone interested in serving as an advisor from March 1st to March 19th can access the online application at [https://buckiserv.osu.edu/applications/advisor_applications](https://buckiserv.osu.edu/applications/advisor_applications). Right now we know we have advisor positions available for:

- One Hearland - Willow River, MN
- Focus Hope - Detroit, MI
- Habitat for Humanity - Mobile, AL
- Natural Tunnel State Park - Duffield, VA (near the VA/TN border)
- Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park - Millington, TN (near Memphis)
- Boston Urban Outreach - Boston, MA
- East 7th Street Center - Lexington, KY

All of the trips listed above are 10-participant, van-driving trips. The rest of the spring trip time. More information about each trip is also included in the application. If you have questions about the trips or other aspects of the application, please contact buck-i-serv@osu.edu.

Advisor spots include, at no cost to you: transportation, lodging, all site registration fees, and a small post-trip per diem payment toward your food expenses.

Our current application for summer trips (May 7-14, 2016) is also open and due by March 20, 2016. If spring doesn't work for your schedule, please take a look at the summer opportunities!

Buck-I-SERV is a weeklong, substance-free program centered on community service and civic engagement, and held during the university’s breaks. Buck-I-SERV is a program planned by the Office of Student Life and supported in part by the Student Activity Fee.

Advisor Role Description:

- **Represent University** - Faculty/Staff/Graduate Advisors will serve as a university representative on all Buck-I-SERV trips sponsored by the Student Activity Fee. A representative of The Ohio State University throughout the duration of the trip among all constituencies, including but not limited to service agencies, housing staff, community members, and alumni.

- **Assist Trip Leaders** - Student Trip Leaders will arrange and facilitate the majority of the trip components. Advisors, however, should be knowledgeable about all aspects of the student Trip Leaders as needed, and encourage student participants to connect their academic topics related to their projects and/or host cities. We will make every effort to match Advisors with a city or social issue related to their work or interests.

- **Connect Students with Alumni** - It is our hope that each trip will have the opportunity to interact with Ohio State Alumni in the city in which each trip is located. The advisor will be expected to help coordinate and maintain contact with alumni in the area who will meet/host our students for an event during the trip.

- **Manage Trip Finances and Documentation** - Advisors will be responsible for managing trip funds, including an allotted $200 for a group activity during the trip. Upon selection, advisors will work with Coordinator of Community Service Administration to apply for a Group Extended Travel (GET) Card to access Buck-I-SERV funds while on trip. The advisors will be trained...
to adhere to all purchasing rules for spending and reconciling group expenses incurred on the trip.

- Document Trip Experience - Advisors will assist with documenting the trip experience by taking specified photos, encouraging group journaling, and maintaining contact information of relevant individuals in the service city.

Applications Open - CCST Sciences and Technology Policy Fellows

California’s State Legislature is looking for a few good scientists to trade their lab coats for business suits, and swap molecules and equations for committee hearings and bill analyses. That’s the opportunity being offered by the CCST Science & Technology Policy Fellows - California Council on Science and Technology (CCST). CCST is now seeking applicants for its Fellowship class, and applications opened this week on December 1st. “CCST’s mission is for science to inform decision-making in California,” says CCST Deputy Director Amber Mace, who oversees the fellowship program. "And what better way to do that than to embed scientists directly with decision-makers? So CCST created a program to train and mentor postdocs and engineers in the policymaking process, and place them as staffers with Assembly and Senate offices in the California State Legislature.”

The Fellowship is open to scientists holding a PhD degree, professional engineers, medical doctors and those holding equivalent degrees in veterinary medicine, dentistry, and certain social sciences. Fellowship placements have included both Democratic and Republican legislators in the Assembly and Senate. About 10 fellows are accepted each year from around the country, with degrees from more than 30 institutions including Stanford, Cornell, Duke, Emory, and University of California campuses.