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For the Week of May 21, 2012

IBGP News and Events

Message From Dean Osmer

Approximately every two years, the Graduate School collaborates with the Office of Institutional Research to survey graduate and professional students about their experiences while at Ohio State. That survey is out now, and it collects valuable information about students’ experiences and needs. The survey covers academic, teaching, and research experiences. It also covers services—including professional and career development services—that graduate students may encounter while they are here. We use this information in the Graduate School to improve the full spectrum of experiences that students have while they are with us. This year, I will be paying particular attention to the feedback that graduate students give us about career services and professional development. This is in connection with our focus this year on career pathways for graduate students.

You can access the survey by looking for an email from Dean Osmer that you should have received about 10 days ago. A reminder email will be sent to you later this week. If you have questions, please contact Priyank Shah.
Research Day Award Winners

Congratulations to the following IBGP students who were 2012 Research Day Travel Award Winners:

- Richard Price (advisor: Dr. Chiocca)
- Patrick Grierson (advisor: Dr. Groden)
- Joshua Saldivar (advisor: Dr. Huebner)

Also, congratulations to IBGP Faculty member, Dr. John A. Davis, who was awarded The OSUMC Research Day Distinguished Biomedical Research Mentor of the Year Award. Dr. Davis is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine Division of Infectious Diseases and also the OSU College of Medicine Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. He is the Deputy Director for Education in the Comprehensive Transplant Center and the Division of Infectious Diseases Clinic Director. In addition to this he has received numerous awards for excellence in teaching.

This award was established in 2011 to recognize outstanding trainee mentorship by OSU College of Medicine faculty at The Ohio State University Medical Center and Nationwide Children's Hospital. Award winners are selected from nominations submitted by trainees from OSUMC and RINCH. This award is intended to recognize and reward faculty mentors who model a passion for biomedical research and help trainees to grow and succeed in their research training. Congratulations again to Dr. John A. Davis!

Graduate Faculty Representatives Needed for Spring Ph.D. Exams

An extremely high number of doctoral defense exams are scheduled this quarter, and the Graduate School needs graduate faculty to volunteer to serve as graduate faculty representatives. Regular service as a graduate faculty representative is one of the responsibilities of the graduate faculty. There are at least 60 doctoral defense exams between today and May 23 that still need a graduate faculty representative. To volunteer, please contact Sandy Krulikoski-Walden (sosgrf@osu.edu), 247-7284.

Australian Research and Professional Development Awards

The Australian government sponsors an internationally competitive, merit-based scholarship program for citizens of the Asia Pacific, the Middle East, Europe, and the Americas to undertake study, research, or professional development in Australia. Application deadline: June 30, 2012. Find more information here.

Semester Credit Hour Requirements

Below is the information regarding the required amount of credit hours in semesters taken from the Graduate School Handbook.

Graduate Associates,

Graduate associates holding 50 percent or greater appointments must
register for at least eight credit hours per semester, except in summer session, when the minimum is four. GAs holding a 25 percent appointment must register for at least four credit hours per semester or two credits in summer session. Post-candidacy doctoral students must register for at least three credit hours each semester or summer session an appointment is held. These registration requirements can include research hours.

**Fellows and Trainees**

Students holding the titles Graduate Fellow or Graduate Trainee, regardless of the source of the funds, must register for a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester the appointment is held except in summer session when the minimum is six. Graduate Fellows or Graduate Trainees who are postcandidacy doctoral students must register for at least three credit hours per semester or summer session an appointment is held. These registration requirements can include research hours.

**Semester Conversion Information**

Many IBGP students have been wondering about how the semester conversion will affect their schedules. Within the next month we will be posting the new IBGP Student Handbook. The new handbook will outline the curriculum changes but this information applies to new students only. Older students will stay on the curriculum that was in place when they entered IBGP. We will also post some supplemental information for students who will continue on the original curriculum in semesters.

**Here** you can find the schedule of important dates for Summer Semester 2012. A list of important dates for Autumn 2012 and beyond can be found [here](#). One thing to note is that courses will now be 4 or more digits. For example, **IBGP 999 will be listed as IBGP 8999**. If you cannot find the course you are looking for, please contact the IBGP office.

Another important thing is the credit hours are reduced in semesters - the conversion used is 5 credits in quarters = 3 credits in semesters (.67 conversion). Therefore, 80 credits will be required for graduation in semesters and post-candidacy you will continue to register for 3 credit hours.

If you have questions about Graduate School requirements you can view the [Graduate School Handbook for Semesters](#) or visit their website.

If you are interested in more information from the Semester Conversion Coordinating Committee you can find their latest Quarter to Semester update newsletter [here](#).

Please contact the IBGP office if you have any additional questions.

**IBGP Students: 8999 Scheduling information**

If you receive an **error message** that says you have exceeded the enrollment limit for IBGP 8999 while scheduling for Summer and Autumn classes please do not worry. We are aware of this issue and believe that it is an issue caused by the semester conversion. We are working with the scheduling office to resolve this conflict. You should still be able to enroll in IBGP 8999 but if you can not after several attempts, please contact the IBGP office. This is probably not going to be the first issue with the semester conversion so please be patient as we transition into
IBGP Faculty Invited to MSTP Faculty Forum - **New Date: June 27**

This Faculty Forum will be a discussion of MSTP Medical School Education, and will take place on June 27th at 1:00 PM in 105 BRT. In addition to presenting MSTP Medical School Education, they will also be introducing the incoming MSTP students. (This event has been rescheduled from May 23 to June 27.)

**Research in Progress Seminar**

On Monday, May 21 at 12:00 PM in 105 BRT there will be two Research in Progress Seminars.

**Topic:** "miR-3151 overexpression in acute myeloid leukemia"

**Speaker:** Benjamin Leffel and Ravi Patel, OSU Undergraduate students

**Mentor:** Dr. Albert de la Chapelle (Human Cancer Genetics Program, and Dept. of Molecular Virology, Immunology, and Medical Genetics)

**AND**

**Topic:** "Social defeat stress causes infiltration of bone marrow-derived macrophages into the brain parenchyma that contribute to the development of anxiety-like behavior"

**Speaker:** Eric Wohleb, NGSP Graduate Student

**Mentor:** Dr. Jonathan Godbout (Department of Neuroscience) and Dr. John Sheridan (Department of Molecular Virology, Immunology, and Medical Genetics)

**Other News and Events**

**Digital Union Presentation - Electronic Lab Notebooks**

The Digital Union presentation, "How the Coming Paradigm Shift in Electronic Notebooks will Change Research Collaboration" will be held at the Digital Union on **May 24th from 1:00pm - 2:30pm**. For more information and registration visit: [https://registration.it.ohio-state.edu/node/569](https://registration.it.ohio-state.edu/node/569). For questions about this event please contact Gorden Renkes at [grenkes@chemistry.ohio-state.edu](mailto:grenkes@chemistry.ohio-state.edu)

**Fun Fact**

**American Red Cross Founded**
On May 21, 1881 Clara Barton and Adolphus Solomons found the American National Red Cross, an organization established to provide humanitarian aid to victims of wars and natural disasters in congruence with the International Red Cross. Read more [here](#).

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