Welcome Back!

We hope that you had a relaxing Winter Break and great first week of the semester! As you look at this upcoming semester, keep in mind that there are separate academic calendars for the 15 week calendar and the Alternative Block Scheduling. Make sure that you are in compliance with the latest COVID guidelines on campus. Looking forward to an amazing semester ahead!
ECU Research and Creative Achievement Week (April 4th-8th) provides students with an excellent opportunity to practice their presentation skills and meet other creative scholars at ECU with similar interests!

Plan to submit your abstract for a presentation at Research and Creative Achievement week now! Your research mentor can help! It does not have to be from a thesis or dissertation. We want to see what all of our students are doing - so submit an abstract today! Abstract deadline: February 15th. Now accepting abstract submissions here.

The 2022 Conference offers options for oral (in-person) and poster (online) presentations. Please be sure to choose one on the abstract submission form. Only one primary author abstract submission per student.

UNDERGRADUATE and GRADUATE students, and POSTDOCTORAL scholars (you must be a current East Carolina University student or postdoctoral scholar to submit an abstract) are invited to present their research to fellow students, colleagues, faculty, and the local community in a professional, conference-style setting. We define research as an original systematic investigation and/or original creative activity designed to develop or contribute to knowledge or culture.

Students may present their research in any one of the following categories:
- Biomedical Sciences
- Business
- Community Engagement
- Education
- Engineering
- Fine & Performing Arts
- Visual Art & Design
- Human Health
- Humanities
- Natural Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Interdisciplinary Innovations (formerly Sustainability)
- Technology and Computer Science

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, e-mail: RESEARCHWEEK@ecu.edu
Order your official East Carolina University Graduation Regalia

It is important to recognize your academic achievement as a soon-to-be East Carolina University Graduate, owning your official ECU cap and gown allows you to take photos to share with family and friends and wear at a future commencement.

ORDERING DEADLINE: JANUARY 24, 2022

PICK UP AT THE GRAD EXPO ON MARCH 1 & 2 FROM 10AM-5PM AND MARCH 3 FROM 10AM - 1PM AT THE DOWDY STUDENT STORES!

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING CLASS!
Graduate Assistant in College of Business Needed

The College of Business is need of a graduate assistant for 20 hrs/week to work with the Associate Dean for Academic Quality. The basic job duties are:

- General support for College of Business Assessment, including data compilation, analysis, and results entries into Nuventive software. Other tasks could relate to other aspects of assessment (e.g., Senior Business Exam, Master Syllabi, curriculum mapping, etc.). Excel skills a must.
- Assistance with grading of Canvas course content (e.g., Discussion boards, possibly preliminary grading of assignments).
- Literature search in support of textbook writing and/or in support of academic research.

Interested graduate students should send a cover letter and resume to Paul Russell, Director of Graduate Programs at russellp@ecu.edu. Questions can be directed to Mr. Russell as well.

Position is available immediately.

Seeking graduate assistantships?

The Grad Funding listserv (mailing list) was created specifically for ECU graduate students who are seeking assistantships, scholarships, grants, or other type of graduate education or research funding. Faculty and staff are also welcome to join the listerv to become more aware of what is available for graduate students so information can be disseminated to newly admitted students, as well. Please encourage all your classmates and coworkers to sign up! You can unsubscribe at any time.

It’s an opt-in/opt-out mailing list! Please tell your friends!
1. Address an email to listserv@listserv.ecu.edu
2. Do not put a subject or signature block/file.
3. Type the message: SUBSCRIBE GRADFUNDING-L firstname lastname
4. Replace “firstname” and “lastname” with your own first and last name.
5. Send the email
Pirate Nurse Job Fair

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
January 31, 2022
Health Sciences Building, College of Nursing Lobby

Engineering & Technology Fair

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM
February 17, 2022
Greenville Convention Center

Job & Internship Fair

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
February 17, 2022
Greenville Convention Center
SPRING CAREER FAIRS

EDUCATION JOB FAIR
MARCH 30, 2022 • 9:30 A.M. – NOON
GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER

Professional business attire is required
For more information visit: career.ecu.edu

ECU CAREER SERVICES

On-campus students, bring your ECU OneCard for admittance. Alumni and distance education students should bring either an ECU OneCard, Banner ID, or student e-mail address to career fairs & events.

Spring Education Career Fair
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
March 30, 2022
Greenville Convention Center

All-Majors Virtual Job Fair
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
April 13, 2022
Virtual on Handshake

All-Majors Virtual Job Fair
April 13, 2022
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Employers hiring ECU Pirates for Jobs & Internships

For more information visit career.ecu.edu

ADA accommodation: 252-737-1018 or ada-coordinator@ecu.edu

Pirate Pearls: January 2022
ECU’s COVID-19 Community Expectations are detailed on the Return of Pirate Nation site.

By working together, we can keep Pirate Nation safe for a successful Spring 2022 semester. Remember #PiratesProtectPirates.

SCREEN FOR SYMPTOMS DAILY

All ECU students, faculty, and staff who are reporting to campus or other physical ECU location for class or work are expected to complete a daily self-screening for COVID-19-related symptoms. To ensure you receive the daily text message that contains the link to the self-screening website, please follow the instructions on our Return of Pirate Nation website to register your mobile device in PiratePort.

SUBMIT THE COVID-19 SELF-REPORTING FORM

Students should complete the COVID-19 self-reporting form if they:
- Have been diagnosed by a medical provider with COVID-19
- Are under instructions to self-isolate for suspected COVID-19 infection
- Have been advised to self-quarantine due to an exposure to COVID-19

Pirate Pearls: January 2022
**GPSS GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EVENTS**

**Graduate & Professional Students Trivia Night**

- **Date:** Thursday, January 27th
- **Time:** 7:00 - 8:00 PM
- **Location:** Uptown Brewing Company
  - 418 Evans Street, Greenville, NC
- **Check-in:** 6:45 PM
- **Trivia begins at:** 7 PM

**Stress Less: Paint By Numbers**

- **Date:** Wednesday, February 2nd
- **Time:** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- **Location:** Health Sciences Student Center
- **RSVP’s to:** reserve your kit
- **Will open on:** Wednesday, January 19th

**Make & Bake with Gwendy's Goodies - Valentine Cake Pops**

- **Date:** Saturday, February 5th
- **Time:** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- **Location:** Virtual

*Kit Pick-up =* Friday, February 4 from 4-6pm at the Health Sciences Student Center

*Virtual Class =* Saturday, February 5 at 10am on Zoom (link will be sent out to all participants).

*Reserve your spot* by RSVPing to this event. RSVP’s will open two weeks before the event. Limited to 50 students.
Check out the Grant Writing Series!

Graduate students are welcome at all sessions for the Grant Writing Series. There are several upcoming sessions. You can register for sessions that interest you. Some of the sessions will be recorded and those recordings will be posted.

| JAN 14 | Grant Writing Series: The Beginning Beginning 9:00 am to 10:30 am |
| JAN 18 | Applying the Quality Matters Rubric 9:00 am to 1:00 pm |
| JAN 19 | I-Corps Information Session 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm |
| JAN 21 | Interest Session: Fixed Term Faculty (FTF) Learning Communities, Spring 2022 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm |
| JAN 25 | Grant Writing Series: Proposal Details that Matter 11:00 am to 12:00 pm |
| JAN 25 | I-Corps Information Session 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm |

Deadline to take action (either enroll in or waive out of Student Health Insurance Plan) is January 31st for the Spring semester!

To learn more about SHIP eligibility requirements, benefits, rate information, and enroll/waive out: https://studenthealth.ecu.edu/ship/.
Your success starts with great support

Attending college or university is an exciting life experience. It can also be a time of change, adjustment and stress. My Student Support Program (My SSP) is here to help you succeed. Connect with us 24/7 for free, confidential mental health and wellbeing support.

Call. Chat. Anytime. Anywhere. Download the app to connect today

The My SSP app provides free access to a variety of wellbeing resources

- Articles
- Assessments
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- Videos
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- 24/7 real-time phone and chat support
- Multilingual support available
- Match with a professional counselor
- Short-term phone and video support by appointment

My SSP can help you anytime with adapting to new challenges, being successful at school, stress and worry of daily life, relationship concerns, sadness and loneliness, uncertainty and much more.

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IMPORTANT DATES 
& DEADLINES

JAN 10
CLASSES BEGIN.
SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS
15-Week Calendar & Alternate Block Scheduling

JAN 12
LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS (DROP/ADD) BY 5:00 PM
Alternative Block Scheduling

JAN 14
LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS (DROP/ADD) BY 5:00 PM
15-Week Calendar

FEB 24
CLASSES END.
Alternative Block Scheduling

FEB 28
LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS (DROP/ADD) BY 5:00 PM
Alternative Block Scheduling

MARCH 2
LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS (DROP/ADD), BY 5:00 P.M
Alternative Block Scheduling

MARCH 6 - 13
SPRING BREAK
Classes resume at 8:00 am Monday, March 14.

Please remember that there are separate academic calendars for the 15-week semester and the Block 1 & Block 2 semesters. Make sure to check all 3 calendars if you have a mix of block & 15-week courses this semester.
Explore the Office For Faculty Excellence!  
https://ofe.ecu.edu

Statistics Workshops Open to Grad Students!

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Note: Research/statistics consulting is available at regular hours (8am-5pm, M-F). All workshops and consultations are open to graduate students as well.

Register for OFE workshops at https://ofe.ecu.edu/office-for-faculty-excellence/office-sessions/
Webex link for all sessions: https://ecu.webex.com/meet/bianh