

Pirate Pearls

The Graduate Student Newsletter

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Exciting Changes to the Commencement Ceremony Announced!

The university has changed its graduation ceremony from a morning event to a Friday evening event that will take place on Friday, May 4th in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium at 7:00 PM. In addition, there is going to be a “New” Grad Bash 2K18: ARRRGH You Ready Celebration. This event takes place the day before the commencement ceremony (Thursday, May 3, 6:00—9:00 PM) in the Uptown Greenville area! Make sure you watch for new, updated information regularly at www.ecu.edu/commencement.

Students are required to register to let the university know you plan to attend the commencement ceremony: [YES, I AM GOING TO BE THERE!](#)

There will continue to be smaller, “recognition ceremonies” for Colleges or Departments. You can review those as well by each day: [Friday, May 4th or Saturday, May 5](#). Scroll down for all of the ceremony times & locations. Each recognition ceremony may also require a response, or hand out tickets, etc. You need to consult with your program director/department chair to determine if a response is required to attend or if tickets are needed for your guests to have a seat.

Family & Friends can review the [Frequently Asked Questions site](#) for more information too! Congratulations Graduates of Spring 2018!

Important Reminders & Deadlines

March 4-11	Spring Break	Academic Calendar
March 23	Registration for Summer & Fall semesters begins	Academic Calendar
April 19 (Thursday)	Last day to upload a thesis or dissertation to Vireo for Spring 2018 graduation	Processing Calendar

It is the student's responsibility to review the Academic Calendar for each semester to become familiar with the deadlines. Exceptions are not made for being unaware of a deadline.

Academic Calendars are always found at <http://www.ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm>

If you plan to graduate in Spring 2018 or Summer 2018, please make sure you apply to graduate in Self-Service Banner now! It is best to apply to graduate at least one semester prior to the semester of graduation, so Spring 2018 students need to get this done ASAP!

[Instructions](#) on Applying to Graduate are on the [Registrar's website](#)

This is DIFFERENT than registering for the graduations ceremony (see page 1 of this newsletter). ALL students must apply to graduate (see link in this article), however, if you are not going to attend the actual graduation ceremony, you do not need to register for the ceremony.

**GOING TO THE
COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONY?**

**Make sure to review
the [Frequently Asked
Questions](#) page!**

Assistantship & Employment Information

Student Affairs Seeking Grad Assistants for 2018-19

The Division of Student Affairs has numerous graduate assistantship positions open for the 2018-19 academic year. Most all of the assistantships are 9 or 12 months in duration. The areas/departments with open GA positions include, Campus Recreation and Wellness, Career Services, Intercultural Affairs, Leadership and Civic Engagement, Assessment, Marketing and Communications, and Student Rights and Responsibilities. Visit <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-studentaffairs/GARecruitment.cfm> to browse the positions, which include job descriptions with compensation, application and deadline information. For additional questions or information about Student Affairs grad assistantships for 2018-19, contact Chris Stansbury, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, at stansburyc@ecu.edu.

Employment for Graduate Students

Graduate Students are often seek employment on campus to help offset the costs of graduate education. The first place to ask about assistantships or employment is the program director for your program to determine how many hours a week of employment are recommended. Students can review jobs on the [Office of Student Employment](#) website. Click on STUDENTS in the top left corner and you will get to the site where you can search for positions. This [is the main ECU employment website](#) and you will want to click on STUDENT POSITIONS in the POSITION TYPE Search box. You will see positions including assistantship and self-help positions. Jobs listed as Federal Work/ Study are for students who have been awarded federal work/study financial aid, only. You must speak with the Financial Aid Office to find out about federal work study options for graduate students. Speak to your program directors about employment as well.

In addition, the Graduate School emails announcements about positions to the Graduate Student email listserv when available. Review your email carefully to identify these assistantship opportunities. In addition, positions will be advertised in this Pirate Pearls newsletter almost every issue! The newsletter will be in your ECU Email Inbox usually around the 15th of each month. You can also access previous issues on the [Graduate School website!!](#)



INTERNATIONAL LINK

—TRADITIONS WITH PERU—

Wednesday, March 14th at 6:30 PM in Brewster B205

Come join WorldWide as we discuss and learn about traditions with members at ESAN University in Lima, Peru!
Some refreshments will be provided.



   @WorldWideECU

Interested in being involved in student organizations within and outside of your program or department?

[Find them all on OrgSync!](#)

OrgSync is an online portal for student organizations! There are calendars, messages, and other tools to help you get connected!

[Getting Started With OrgSync Help Guide](#)

[How To Find Organizations](#)

- Visit www.orgsync.com
- Search for East Carolina University
- Click Sign In/Sign Up
- Search for an organization and follow prompts!

Also explore: [CLCE](#), [SAO](#) and [CRW](#)

[Register Here!](#)

2018 Summer Statistics & Research Workshop Series

From May 15 to May 31, 2018

Week 1: Tools	Tuesday (May 15)	Wednesday (May 16)	Thursday (May 17)
	SPSS Intro (9:00-11:00am) Dr. Qiang Wu	NVivo Intro (9:00-11:00am) Dr. Hui Bian	R Intro (9:00-11:00am) Dr. Alex Schoemann
	SAS Intro (1:00-3:00pm) Dr. Alex Schoemann	JMP Intro (1:00-3:00pm) Dr. Xiangming Fang	Qualtrics Intro (1:00-3:00pm) Dr. Hui Bian
Week 2: Statistics	Tuesday (May 22)	Wednesday (May 23)	Thursday (May 24)
	Statistics 1: Measurement and Descriptive Statistics (9:00-12:00pm) Dr. Qiang Wu	T test, ANOVA, MANOVA (9:00-12:00pm) Dr. Kevin O'Brien	Contingency Tables and Logistic Regressions (9:00-12:00pm) Dr. Hui Bian
	Statistics 2: Sampling Distributions and Statistical Inference (1:00-4:00pm) Dr. David Chalcraft	Correlation and Linear Regression (1:00-4:00pm) Dr. Qiang Wu	Factor, Cluster, and Discriminant Analysis (1:00-4:00pm) Dr. Kevin O'Brien
Week 3: Special Topics	Tuesday (May 29)	Wednesday (May 30)	Thursday (May 31)
	Qualitative Research Designs Dr. Michele Mendes (9:00-9:55am) Dr. Stacy Warner (10:00-10:55am) Dr. Paige Averett (11:00am-12:00pm)	How to Conduct a Rigorous Qualitative Research (9:00-12:00pm) Dr. Nancy Winterbauer	Introduction to Data Analytics Using SAS Enterprise Miner for Big Data (9:00-12:00pm) Dr. Huigang Liang
	Strategies for Qualitative Research Interviews (1:00-4:00pm) Dr. Monica Colon-Aguirre	Coding in Qualitative Research (1:00-4:00pm) Dr. Sharon Knight	Python Introduction (1:00-4:00pm) Dr. Ray Hylock



[Register](#) for the Spring Career Fair

[More information](#) about the Spring Career Fair

The **2018 Spring Education and Career Fairs** are right around the corner and we are asking for your help this semester! This year's events are being held on **Wednesday, February 28, 2018 starting at 8:00am and 1pm at the Greenville Convention Center**. On that day, nearly **100** Schools Districts and **200** general employers will be at the Greenville Convention Center in hopes of recruiting the best and brightest students ECU has to offer. In order to make this day a success, we are in need **85-100** volunteers to aide in staffing these events in several different capacities throughout the day. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet, network with, and make a positive impression on potential future employers.

[Click here](#) or copy this link: https://ecu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3xd9S7F9Hlss0Wp to sign up and volunteer.



[Register](#) for the Spring Education Fair

[More information](#) Spring Education Fair

Career Exploration

ImaginePhD—free resource for career path exploration for graduate students

ImaginePhD is a website devoted to helping graduate students explore, plan, and refine their career path as they progress through a PhD program and beyond. You will find tools, resources, and a planning guide to help you design a career path that is right for you. Various tools are available to help you determine what are appropriate goals and targets for you including: interests, skills and values assessments. These help you define your personal goals in many areas—teaching, research, presentation skills, etc. Setting up an account is free!

Grants, Dissertation Funding & Fellowships

Find Grant Funding Using the SPIN Database

The Sponsored Programs Information Network (SPIN) Database can be used to identify a variety of funding opportunities for all researchers. While SPIN primarily contains research grant funding, other types of opportunities, such as fellowships and travel awards, are available. Students can create a free SPIN account once connected to the database. A SPIN account will allow students to save searches, bookmark opportunities, share funding opportunities, and receive automatic emails with new opportunities in their field. To access SPIN, please visit the ECU Libraries Database List or click on the following link: <https://www.lib.ecu.edu/databases/view/547>. ECU Libraries have created a research guide on using SPIN: http://libguides.ecu.edu/spin_funding. If you have questions about using SPIN, please contact a librarian at scholarlycomm@ecu.edu or laupuslibrary@ecu.edu.

Upcoming Training SPIN Training Sessions

February 28, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., in 2502G Laupus Library

Please register here: <https://collab.ecu.edu/sites/cferegistration/Lists/Courses/DispForm.aspx?ID=3347>

March 2, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., in 1008 Joyner Library (Office for Faculty Excellence)

Please register here: <https://collab.ecu.edu/sites/cferegistration/Lists/Courses/DispForm.aspx?ID=3344>

March 21, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., in 1008 Joyner Library (Office for Faculty Excellence)

Please register here: <https://collab.ecu.edu/sites/cferegistration/Lists/Courses/DispForm.aspx?ID=3345>

March 22, 3:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m., in 2502 Laupus Library

Please register here: <https://collab.ecu.edu/sites/cferegistration/Lists/Courses/DispForm.aspx?ID=3348>

April 12, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., in 1008 Joyner Library (Office for Faculty Excellence)

Please register here: <https://collab.ecu.edu/sites/cferegistration/Lists/Courses/DispForm.aspx?ID=3346>

April 17, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in 2502G Laupus Library

Please register here: <https://collab.ecu.edu/sites/cferegistration/Lists/Courses/DispForm.aspx?ID=3349>

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now and keep your eyes & ears open for specific information as it becomes available! Career Services & the Graduate School will be advertising & posting more details about these 2018 events!

March 5-9

Preparing your Application for Your Job Search

- Webinar on preparing for applications
- Resume/CV, cover letter support
- Virtual appointments & resume review with Career Services!

March 12-16

Understanding the Job Market

- Learn about cost of living, knowing your worth (salary)
- Benefits perks
- How do headhunters & third party recruiters work?

March 19-23

Job Search Strategies

- Webinar on preparing, use of LinkedIn for networking/job searches
- Use of social media
- College of Arts & Sciences: Beyond Your Degree presentations

March 26-30

Interviewing

- Webinar on preparing, mock interviews via InterviewStream

April 2-6

Mock interviews with employers (phone, Skype & in-person)

- A variety of mock experiences: academic, health care, industry, K-12 education

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

[The Graduate and Professional Student Senate \(GPSS\)](#) has been making lots of changes throughout Fall 2017 and into the new year! The blog site is back up and running! It is updated with spring meeting dates/locations. We are also posting news on the homepage as well as in the Orgsync newsfeed, so follow one or both for updates. Also, note that there are two new pages added to the site, a page for organization updates and a student spotlight page. They will post any updates for fundraisers, events, or pretty much anything else your student organization wishes to announce. The student spotlight will be a weekly feature of an ECU grad student, so if you have nominations or ideas please let us know soon. you can access the site at <http://blog.ecu.edu/sites/gpss/>. Also, the Board meets every Friday morning at 9:00 AM in the GPSS Office (room 213) of the Health Sciences Student Center. All are welcome!



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Graduate and Professional
Student Senate

RUN FOR OFFICE!

Build Your CV/Resume

Serve Your Community

Be A Leader

To apply visit Orgsync.com, search *graduate and professional student senate*, click on forms, and fill out the form titled: **GPSS General Elections**.

Election filing is open now through March 15th 2018.

Elections will be held on March 29th 2018 at our last general assembly meeting for the year.

Officer Positions:

- **President**
- **Vice President**
- **Finance Officer**
- **Executive Associate**

The term of the positions will be the 2018-2019 academic year.

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- **Or type: blog.ecu.edu/gpss in your searchbar**

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