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NEWSLETTER



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**ECU Graduate & Professional
Students Appreciation Week**

2019

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Thesis Or Dissertation Upload Deadline

This date is always in the Academic Calendar. Click on the [Blue Link](#) on the top of any academic calendar and you will be taken to the Application and Processing Calendar. The Thesis & Dissertation deadline is always listed there!

[Spring 2019](#)
[Summer 2019](#)



April 1st

Mon. - Coffee & Career

8 - 10 AM, Main Student Center Ballrooms
 11 AM - 1 PM, Health Science Student Center Lobby
 Looking for a new LinkedIn photo? Stop by for a FREE head-shot, FREE coffee and FREE donuts!

April 2nd

Tue. - What's the Scoop?

12 - 2 PM, Health Science Student Center Lobby
 2 - 4 PM, Dowdy Student Store Basement
 Stop by to learn how to wear graduation regalia and make your own FREE ice cream sundae!

April 3rd

Wed. - Grad, Undergrad & Professional Student Mixer

12 - 1 PM, Main Student Center Deck (3rd Floor)
 Interested in attending graduate or professional school? Come meet current Graduate and Professional Students over lunch!

April 4th

Thur. - Free Axe Throwing at Stumpy's

6 - 8 PM, Stumpy's Hatchet House, 816 Dickinson Avenue
 Ever wanted to try Axe Throwing? Now's your chance! An experienced coach will teach you how to throw an axe while organizing fun games for you and your friends. This event is FREE. *Must reserve your spot on OrgSync.*

April 5th

Fri. - T.G.I.F. Tell a Grad its Friday

5 - 7 PM, Pitt Street Brewing, 630 S. Pitt St.
 Relax and join other graduate and professional students to celebrate the end of Graduate and Professional Students Appreciation Week. FREE Chiptole while supplies last.

April 6th

Sat. - Family Bowling Night

4 - 6 PM, Outer Limitz Bowling (Basement of Mendenhall)
 ECU Graduate and Professional Students and their families are invited to join us for an evening of FREE bowling and pizza. Hourly parking is available in the parking deck.





PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

ProFellow Funding Workshop - April 9

Invite a friend to join you and come learn more about ProFellow.com and how it can help you with funding for your graduate education and experiences!

The ProFellow.com website is an excellent tool to educate you more about fellowships and how to apply and win one! A fellowship can provide funding for amazing opportunities that broaden your graduate education in many ways. ProFellow also offers webinars that can help you improve your funding applications (and even graduate school applications if you are applying to a program for additional education). Please join us for their introductory workshop!

April 9 1:30 - 3:00 PM Introduction to Fellowships & Funding Advice

Location: Joyner 1008 (conference room within the Office for Faculty Excellence in Joyner Library)

You can also join ProFellow.com for free to begin using their fellowship database for searches!

Thesis/Dissertation Boot Camp Spots are Filling Up!

If you need focused writing time to work on your master's thesis or doctoral dissertation, Boot Camp is for you!

Each semester, the Graduate School, University Writing Center, and Joyner & Laupus Libraries host thesis/dissertation boot camp. In this three-day workshop, graduate students spend 3-4 hours per day working on their document or project - typing content such as chapters, graphics, tables, references and more! The goal is to provide focused writing time to help you produce pages. Please join us or email coxka@ecu.edu if you have questions.

May 8, 9, 10 @ 1:00 PM

Joyner Library - [Register](#)

September 11, 12, 13 @ 8:30 AM

Laupus Library - [Register](#)

Registration Required

New Teaching Assistant Orientation Accepting Reservations!

If you know you will have a teaching assistantship assignment in the near future, or hope to, please join us! All are welcome!

We offer teaching assistant orientations each semester so you can plan to learn more about teaching at ECU prior to your teaching assignment. We hope you are able to make it to one of these helpful sessions!

Sessions start at 8:30 AM and run until about 3:00 PM. Lunch is on your own.

May 14, 2019 Main Campus Student

Center, Room 206 [Register](#)

August 12, 2019 Main Campus Student

Center, Room TBA [Register](#)

December 16, 2019 Main Campus Student

Center, Room TBA [Register](#)



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

APRIL
18 Last day to submit a thesis or dissertation for Spring 2019 graduation
[Processing Calendar](#)

MAY
27 State Holiday (no classes)
[Academic Calendar](#)

APRIL
23 State Holiday Make-Up day. Classes which would have met on Friday April 19 will meet on this day instead.
[Academic Calendar](#)

JUNE
4 Last day to withdraw from summer 1 courses or for the entire term without grades by 5:00 PM.
[Academic Calendar](#)

APRIL
23 Classes end. Last day for faculty to remove incompletes from Spring 2018.
[Academic Calendar](#)

JUNE
17 Classes end. Last day for faculty to remove incompletes from Summer Session 1 2018.
[Academic Calendar](#)

MAY
3 Commencement
[Academic Calendar](#)
[Commencement Information](#)
If you are graduating, [apply for graduation NOW!](#)

JUNE
18 Final exams for Summer Session 1
[Academic Calendar](#)

MAY
13 Summer 1 and 11 week summer classes begin
[Academic Calendar](#)

JUNE
20 Summer 2 summer classes begin
[Academic Calendar](#)

MAY
14 New Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation
Main Campus Student Center Rm 206
[Register](#)

JUNE
21 Last day for registration and schedule changes for Summer 2 summer session
[Academic Calendar](#)

MAY
14 Last day for registration and schedule changes for Summer 1 and 11-week summer sessions
[Academic Calendar](#)

JULY
4 State Holiday (no classes)
[Academic Calendar](#)

[Academic Calendars are always found at ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm](http://ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm)



RESEARCH & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Office for Faculty Excellence presents

2019 SUMMER

STATISTICS/RESEARCH

SERIES

Looking for training programs in statistical techniques, research methodologies, and data analysis?

For who

ECU faculty, staff, fellows, postdocs, and graduate students

Where

Joyner library
Room 1008

When

5/14-5/31
Tuesday to Thursday
9:00am –4:00pm

Workshops

- * Week 1: Statistical software including SPSS, SAS , R, NVivo, AMOS, and online survey tool: Qualtrics
- * Week 2: Basic statistics: measurement and inferential statistics, mean comparisons, linear/logistic regressions, and structural equation modeling
- * Week 3: Qualitative research designs and data analysis, meta-analysis, and Python



For more information contact Dr. Hui Bian at bianh@ecu.edu

Register for those workshops at <https://ofe.ecu.edu>





RESEARCH & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are being accepted now through April 30 for the 2019-2020 NC AHEC Scholars program at Eastern AHEC.

This program recruits, trains, and supports a diverse group of students from across the state, creating a multidisciplinary team of health professionals committed to community service and the transformation of health care in North Carolina. There is an emphasis on individuals from underrepresented minorities, disadvantaged/rural backgrounds, and first-generation college students. Applicants should have a current interest in improving health care in rural or underserved communities and be currently enrolled in a health professions degree or certificate program in North Carolina.

- Open to university and community college students of all health professions (including mental health)
- Network with peers and professionals across the region and state
- Two-year program (September-May each year)
- 80 hours of education/training per year (40 didactic and 40 clinical)
- \$400 stipend per year

Medical, dental, pharmacy, nursing, social work, physical therapy, occupational therapy, public/population health, and other health professions students are eligible to apply. This program is open to both undergraduate and graduate students as long as they can commit two years.

See what the 2018-2019 cohort has to say:

“My favorite part of this program thus far has been attending these interactive and engaging presentations from established health professionals, and especially so with a group of equally motivated and ambitious students with similar interests.” - Sruthi Boddapati

“I have learned about ways that I can better myself as a student and future health professional. Since I am already a public health major, this program has helped me apply the knowledge I already know and learn more about other topics like effective communication, nutrition, etc.” - Melenis Lopez

“I liked collaborating and exploring the different perspectives that were brought to the table. In this program, I learned the importance of health literacy. For that matter, I learned to communicate in layman’s terms when working with people who are not studying the same profession.” - Jharnell Cofield

For more information, visit:

<https://www.easternahec.net/student-services-housing/nc-ahec-scholars/>

For more information about the program, contact Paige Fuqua at fuquap18@ecu.edu.

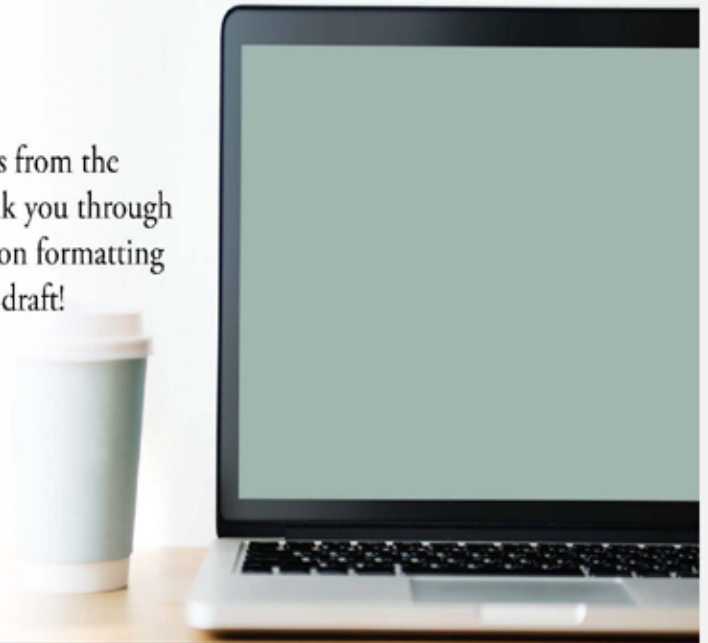
Applications due April 30, 2019.

Thesis Formatting Workshop

April 15th 1:00pm - Joyner Library 1020

Need hands-on assistance formatting your thesis?

Please join us for an hour long workshop featuring speakers from the University Writing Center and Joyner Library. We will walk you through page numbers, sections breaks, and how to navigate common formatting issues. Computers will be available. Be sure to bring your draft!



Cosponsored by

The University Writing Center and Joyner Library

This workshop is helpful whether you are needing to format your master's thesis or doctoral dissertation! Make sure to attend to speak with experts from the University Writing Center and Joyner Library. The Graduate School will also attend to informally answer questions about using the VIREO system to upload your document into the university's system for final approval.

[VIREO](#) INFORMATION



SERVICE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY



Service Internship

Looking for an exciting opportunity for the Spring and Summer? Need to earn some extra money for school? Want to help youth who are struggling in math and science?

Consider joining AmeriCorps STEM-Corps East!

AmeriCorps is a commitment to **learn**, **serve** and **earn** an education award while serving as a STEM tutor. The program begins in January and ends August 31st 2019.

There are three types of positions available:

- **Half-time**, serve 900 hours over the program term, earn a monthly living allowance of \$400 and at the end of the service term earn education award of \$3,047.
- **Quarter-time**, serve 450 hours over the program term, earn a monthly living allowance of \$200 and at the end of the service term earn education award of \$1,612.
- **Minimum-Time**, serve 300 total hours and at the end of the service term earn an education award of \$1,289.

Requirements:

- Must be 17 or older, a U.S. citizen or U.S. national or a lawful permanent resident alien in the United States
- Successfully complete background checks
- Have a high school diploma, GED and/or enrolled in an approved educational program



STEM-CORPS EAST

Contact: Nichelle Shuck, STEM-Corps East

252-328-5703 or 252-328-4357

stemcorpseast@ecu.edu or shuckn@ecu.edu



GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

Need a Coffee Break?

Join GPSS to enjoy a cup of coffee and get to know your GPSS representatives! Share your thoughts and feedback on how GPSS can help to advocate for graduate & professional students.

- April 9 - 8:00 - 9:00 AM @ Starbucks - Main Campus Student Center
- April 16 - 8:00 - 9:00 AM @ Starbucks - Main Campus Student Center

GPSS Trivia Night at Uptown Brewery

Grab some of your graduate student friends and join GPSS at Trivia Night at Uptown Brewery (418 Evans St, Greenville). Check in is at 6:30 PM and trivia begins at 7:00 PM!

- April 18 - Thursday

Gift Card Prizes for the Top 3 Teams!
Teams may include non-student guests; however, only ECU Graduate & Professional Students are eligible for prizes.

Want to be on the GPSS Board? It's time to run for office!

There are four open positions for the 2019-2020 school year including President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Executive Associate. These individuals work closely with the Student Government Association (SGA), the Division of Student Affairs, and the Graduate School. There are opportunities to advocate for change, serve on campus committees, and increase your networking opportunities. Please send an email to current president Rebecca Nickle (nickler11@students.ecu.edu) and Coordinator for

Graduate & Professional Student Events, Emily Theys (theyse18@ecu.edu) to ask questions and share your intention to run for one of these offices. Your time, effort, and ideas are greatly appreciated by all of the graduate & professional students across campus!

Graduate & Professional Student Advocacy Day

If you are interested in attending Graduate & Professional Student Advocacy Day in Raleigh on April 7-8, please contact GPSS President, Rebecca Nickle at nickler11@students.ecu.edu. There are several pieces of legislation being proposed including a Graduate & Professional Student Bill of Rights, legislation to address pay disparities, and legislation to address disparities in what fees & tuition graduate and professional students pay. This event is sponsored by the UNC Association of Student Governments. This group of leaders from the universities across the UNC system is eager for you to join them at this exciting event! Contact Rebecca Nickle today!

GPSS on Social Media!

Follow your Graduate & Professional Student Senate (GPSS) through social media to stay up to date on all the happenings and events!

Facebook: [gpssecu](https://www.facebook.com/gpssecu)

Insta: [ECU.GPSS](https://www.instagram.com/ecu.gpss)

Twitter: [GPSSECU](https://twitter.com/GPSSECU)

gpss@ecu.edu

<https://orgsync.com/login/east-carolina-university>



SUMMER ACCESS TO REC CENTERS & STUDENT HEALTH

Summer Access to Health & Fitness!

During Fall & Spring semesters, all students taking campus-based courses pay a fee for access to the Student Health Service and Campus Recreation & Wellness facilities (Student Recreation Center, Health Sciences Complex, North Campus Recreation Complex, etc.) You may not notice this fee because you are looking at the bottom line – your balance, which includes both tuition and fees. However, in the summer when a student is not enrolled in credit bearing courses, there are no fees for the student to pay because there is no “invoice” or “bill” from the university in your account.

Many graduate students do not enroll in any credit bearing courses during the summer semesters, yet they are still present on campus doing research or working in some type of assistantship. These students are still able to access the facilities of Campus Recreation & Wellness and the Student Health Service; however, an access fee is required to continue access.

Campus Recreation & Wellness and the Student Health Service both have a summer option access fee for students who want to continue to access these services in summer months despite not being enrolled in credit bearing courses! Please review the websites for [Campus Recreation & Wellness](#) and the [Student Health Service](#) to learn more about the access fees including the starting & ending dates and the cost.

These campus services are fee-based for all students in campus courses and in Summer, because there the student is not enrolled in campus-based courses, the fee is separate and you can visit these offices to request and pay for access.

If you have any questions, please contact the services directly at Student Health Service or 252-328-6841 and Campus Recreation & Wellness at 252-328-6387

[Frequently Asked Questions about the Student Health Service](#)

[Services Offered through Campus Recreation & Wellness](#)



GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE

Graduate Assistantships for 2019-2020 academic year available in the Division of Student Affairs. Apply Today!

Student Affairs posted its graduate assistantships for 2019-20 and are available for review on their [website](#). Each position is linked to a specific job description with details about the position as well as funding, application information and more. A short list of the positions includes positions in a variety of offices including Campus Recreation & Wellness (Adventure/Leadership, Athletic Training, Communications & Marketing, Fitness, Wellness), Campus Living (Residence Life), Marketing, Leadership & Civic Engagement, Career Services, Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities, Women and Gender office as well as Student Affairs Assessment, Research, and Planning. A graduate assistantship in these offices could help enhance your graduate education. Please [review the website](#) and the specific links for each position. Each position may have its own requirements, application, and deadlines.

<https://studentaffairs.ecu.edu/garecruitment/>

Need More Information on Funding?

Make sure you opt-in to our optional GradFunding mailing list so open assistantships, scholarships, and fellowships information come straight to your Inbox! You can easily sign up today and unsubscribe when you are ready to stop reviewing funding emails.

The GradFunding mailing list is specifically for ECU graduate students who are looking for assistantships, scholarships, grants, or other types of graduate education or research funding. You must opt in (subscribe) to this mailing list - and then opt out (unsubscribe). Follow these directions to start getting these periodic announcements today!

1. Address an email to listserv@listserv.ecu.edu
2. No subject or signature file.
3. Type the message: **SUBSCRIBE GRADFUNDING-L Firstname Lastname**
4. Replace Firstname and Lastname with your name.
5. Send the email.



REGISTRATION, ADD/DROP, WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION

Register for Summer & Fall 2019 semesters today!

Early registration for summer & fall opened on March 22nd. Get registered today! All currently enrolled graduate students are eligible to register for Summer Session 1 or 2, 11-week summer session, and/or Fall semester. I

When you register early, it allows you to know your financial obligations. This helps with planning finances, applying for and understanding financial aid, and will also help you review your progress towards your degree in Degree Works.

How Do I Register?

Graduate Students are expected to register themselves for courses via [Banner Self Service](#). Your official schedule must be checked via Banner Self Service each semester. It is the student's responsibility to ensure your schedule is accurate each semester including correct course name, number, section number, and number of credits. To learn more about using [Banner Self Service](#) for early registration, review the [helpful guides](#) on the Registrar's website. Graduate students do not need registration PINs.

How Long is the Add/Drop Period?

At ECU, the "add/drop" period is called the Course Adjustment Period and the last date for course adjustments is in the [academic calendar](#) for each semester. Students are responsible for adding & dropping courses by this deadline. It is the 5th day of classes in the Fall & Spring Semesters and is typically the 2nd day of classes in summer sessions. Consult the [academic calendar](#) for each semester's deadlines.

Courses are rarely added to a student's schedule after the Course Adjustment Period has ended. If this is requested and permitted, the student will be required to pre-pay all tuition & fees. Late requests should come from the Graduate Program Director to the Registrar and Graduate School. The policy on [schedule changes](#) is always in the [Graduate Catalog](#).

Course and Term Withdrawals

Any course "dropped" after course adjustment period deadline is not a drop - it is a course withdrawal and a W is listed on the transcript. If a course withdrawal is requested after the deadline, there could be a grade of F along with the W. It is important to consult with your advisor prior to withdrawing from any course and ensure you make withdrawal decisions prior to the deadline each semester.

Term withdrawals occur when a student withdraws from all courses in a semester. It is the student's responsibility to email the Registrar, course instructors, and program directors to notify them of this action. The [withdrawal policy and procedures](#) are explained in the Graduate Catalog. Withdrawals, either course or term, may affect assistantships, financial aid, and eligibility for student health insurance. Students may consult with graduate program directors, academic advisors, and/or the Dean of Students Office to discuss the impacts of course or term withdrawals.