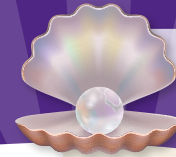


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Thesis Or Dissertation Upload Deadline

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!

Fall 2019
November 25, 2019
[Link to Deadlines](#)



GPSS
Graduate and Professional Student Senate

WELCOME BACK SOCIAL

Pitt Street Brewing Company
630 Pitt Street
Friday, August 30
6-8pm

Free Food Truck & Gift Card Giveaways
This event is open to all ECU Graduate and Professional Students.

ECU
EDUCATION COLLEGE UNIVERSITY

ADA Accommodation: 252-737-1016 (voice/TTY)



FUNDING INFORMATION

Still searching for on-campus employment?

There continue to be many opportunities for on campus employment for graduate students. There are 3 types of employment available - graduate assistantships, federal work-study, and "self-help" or hourly pay positions. Each type has different requirements for employment as well as different time sheet & clocking in/clocking out mechanisms. For each position you inquire about, you will want to clarify the nature of the position so you are clear on how you will be paid, how you will keep track of time, and other characteristics which may vary from position to position. [Review this website \(Scroll to the bottom\)](#) to learn more about the types of positions. Graduate student employees are a valuable asset to ECU and we want to see more of you filling the positions you need! Most graduate students are eligible to work no more than 25 hours on campus; however there are some students restricted to 20 or 10 hours for various reasons. Speak with your potential employers about your specific situation and check with the Office of Student Employment or your Graduate Program Director to determine your eligibility to work 10, 20, or 25 hours. You must declare ALL your campus employers to each of them each time you sign a contract. Each employer must know where else you are working on campus.

On-Campus Employment

Student Employment Office

Visit the [Student Employment Office website](#) and click on the graphic: **To View Current Student Positions Click Here** (it's in the rotating pictures feature, use the small dots on the right to find it)

Grad Funding Listserv

Join the gradfunding-l@ecu.edu mailing list by following the directions to subscribe on the [Graduate School's Financial Resources](#) website!

Handshake Online Portal

Career Services provides the Handshake portal where students can search not only for ECU campus based employment, but jobs nationwide along with recruiting fairs and internship opportunities! [Open your account today!](#)

Graduate Program Director

Talk to your Graduate Program Director to discuss possible opportunities within your program, Department, School or College! Make sure to communicate your interest not only for this semester, but for future semesters and academic years!

Student Affairs Grad Assistant Recruitment Program

Student Affairs maintains a [website](#) with their current openings and application procedures. Their hiring process for Fall starts in January, so you will want to watch this [site](#) for Fall 2020 opportunities. View it [now](#) to see current openings!! There are a few!



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

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|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|
| SEPT
2 | State Holiday.
Academic Calendar | OCT
28 | Last day to withdraw from term-length courses or withdraw from school without grades by 5:00 PM.
Academic Calendar |
| SEPT
10 | Health Careers Fair
Information | NOV
1 | Early registration for graduate students begins at 1:00 pm.
Academic Calendar |
| SEPT
11-13 | Thesis-Dissertation Boot Camp
Information | NOV
15 | Suggested deadline for having your Spring 2020 registration completed. |
| OCT
4 | Registration Deadline for Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT)
Information | NOV
25 | Final day to upload a thesis or dissertation into Vireo for a Fall 2019 graduation. Information |
| OCT
5-8 | Fall Break
Academic Calendar | NOV-DEC
27-1 | Thanksgiving Break
Academic Calendar |
| OCT
16 | Job & Internship Fair
Information | DEC
3 | Classes end. Last day to remove incompletes given during Fall 2018.
Academic Calendar |
| OCT
16 | Engineering, Technology & Management Career Fair
Information | DEC
13 | Commencement. Apply to graduate early!
Academic Calendar |

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

What is printed on this newsletter page does not supercede what is published in the official online Academic Calendar or other university published calendars



RESEARCH & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Getting Permissions To Conduct Research at ECU

The University & Medical Center Institutional Review Board (IRB) oversees the research that involves human participants. All research projects should be reviewed by the IRB to determine what level of approval is needed: exempt, expedited or full. Using the ePIRATE system, graduate students can get approval for research projects - whether a dissertation, master's thesis or another major project. Speak with your research mentors if you have questions and consult with the UMCIRB ePirate Page to get more information on starting an ePIRATE account and submitting your future research projects for permissions.

[ePIRATE FAQs](#)

[UMCIRB website](#)

Research Diversity at ECU!

You can explore the diverse research programs that occur at ECU each and every day! The Division of Research, Economic Development, and Engagement (REDE) supports research across campus in a variety of ways. Their main website <https://info.ecu.edu/research/> will lead you to more information including the research clusters, funding opportunities, research compliance regulations, and other helpful information for graduate students who are conducting research during their program. The [ECU Research Dashboard](#) is a helpful site to start your quest to learn more about this important Division and the functions it supports at ECU.

Office for Faculty Excellent Available To Graduate Students

The [Office for Faculty Excellence](#) (OFE) is a resource on campus that provides a variety of supports to faculty and graduate students in many of their roles. They provide support in professional development, teaching, research, and enable graduate students to find communities of support within diverse interest groups. Their services includes a wide variety of workshops available each semester that are open to graduate students and help to enhance learning, skill building and resume/CV development. Make sure to review their [Current Term and Future Term offerings](#) so you can schedule time to take advantage of this great resource!

Also, see page 6 of this newsletter for more information on the National Center for Faculty & Development & Diversity! You are eligible for a free membership as a graduate student! The webinars listed on page 6 will all be hosted by the Office for Faculty Excellence! Watch them with other graduate students and faculty across campus to make friends, get support and build your network. All webinar sessions are held in the Office for Faculty Excellence, Joyner Library, Room 1008. Watch at home or join us in the OFE! If you are going to join us for the webinars in Room 1008, please pre register! To register: <https://ofe.ecu.edu/>



GPSS & 3-MINUTE THESIS

Your Graduate & Professional Student Senate (GPSS) is looking forward to advocating for YOU this year!

Join the GPSS leadership & other members for a Welcome Back Party!



Friday, August 30

6:00 - 8:00 PM

PITT STREET BREWING COMPANY

Free Food Truck tickets* and gift card giveaways

*Limited to the first 100 students

You must bring your 1Card to be eligible for giveaways

Announcing the Three-Minute Thesis Competition

The [3MT competition](#) is an event where, using one slide, graduate students present their research in 3 minutes or less. This year the 3MT competition is on Wednesday November 6 at 2:00 PM in Main Campus Student Center Ballroom A.

Campus and Community Leaders serve as judges for the event & there are winners including a department winner! The [3MT website](#) is filled with helpful information including how to submit your abstract.

3MT is an international organization - and the Grand Champion at ECU will get to travel to the regional competition in Birmingham, Alabama in March 2020. Workshops will be available to help you improve your presentations!! Talk to your research mentors & graduate program directors today to get involved! ALL grad students are welcome to present and attend as the audience!!

Questions? mcconnellt@ecu.edu

Want to learn more about GPSS?

Log into the Student Activities & Organization's online student portal called

ENGAGE

Here you can learn more about GPSS as well as all of the other recognized student organizations on campus for graduate students, and all students!

[LOGIN to ENGAGE](#)

[Direct Engage Link to GPSS](#)



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

Free Graduate Student Membership!

We are pleased to announce that ECU has joined the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD) as an Institutional Member! Our membership is sponsored by the Office of the Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor, in partnership with the Office for Equity and Diversity (OED) and the Office for Faculty Excellence (OFE).

The NCFDD is an independent faculty development center dedicated to supporting academics in making successful transitions throughout their careers. With our Institutional Membership, all faculty, postdocs, and graduate students at ECU will have access to the following member resources at no additional cost:

- Weekly Monday Motivator
- Core Curriculum Webinars*
- Guest Expert Webinars*
- Multi-Week Courses
- Dissertation Success Curriculum for graduate students*
- Private Discussion Forums
- Accountability buddy matches
- 14-Day Writing Challenges*

*Additional programming and support for these resources will be provided through the Office for Faculty Excellence. Stay tuned!

To activate your free Institutional Membership, complete the following steps:

- 1) Go to <http://www.FacultyDiversity.org/Join>
- 2) Choose your institution from the drop-down menu (if you don't see a "Select Your Institution" menu, click on "Become a Member" and then select East Carolina University.
- 3) Select "Activate my Membership"

- 4) Complete the registration form using your institutional email address (i.e. @students.ecu.edu or @ecu.edu)
- 5) Go to your institution email to find a confirmation email. Click "Activate Account" in the confirmation email.

If you have any questions about the membership, please contact Eboni Baugh, Office for Faculty Excellence 2019-2020 Faculty Fellow, at baughe@ecu.edu or 252-328-5429. If you have any technical questions, please email NCFDD at Membership@FacultyDiversity.org.

Upcoming Webinars Provided by NCFDD

active membership required

Maintaining an Active Research Agenda on the Alt-

AC Track - [September 12](#)

Overcoming Academic Perfectionism - [September](#)

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How to Engage in Healthy Conflict - [October 10](#)

Twitter: How to Win Followers and Influence

People - [October 30](#)

How to Manage Stress, Rejection & the Haters in

Your Midst - [November 14](#)

Making the Most of your NCFDD Membership:

Exploring Classic and Creative Ways to Advance

Your Professional Development - [November 21](#)



STUDENT DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Understanding Culture Shock

When first in a new country, students may experience culture shock. Understanding culture shock and being aware of other students who have felt this way is helpful to students new to the United States. The Office of Global Affairs and the Counseling Center are providing this workshop to help new international students to understand more about culture shock so that the student has the abilities and resources to maximize their success! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Understanding Culture Shock Workshop
Wednesday, September 4
1:30 PM
Main Campus Student Center, Room 253



Check out the Graduate Student Study Lounge on the first floor of Joyner Library!

Enter the front doors, make a right and walk down the hall to the left of the University Writing Center!

You will swipe your 1 Card for Grad Student Access

The [Center for Counseling and Student Development](#) is available to all students who need help with adjusting, stress management, emotional issues or other personal issues that may prevent a student from maximizing their graduate education experience. To schedule an appointment, please call 252-328-6661 anytime during normal business hours (Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 PM).

In crisis?

Come in M - F between 11 am - 4 pm for a brief crisis screening or call us at 252-328-6661 (press '2' if after-hours).