

Pirate Pearls

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Welcome Graduate Students!

It is my pleasure to provide this welcome to you for the Fall 2022 as the new interim Dean of the Graduate School. Although new to the dean's position, I am not new to the Graduate School, having served as Associate Dean since 2015. This new position simply allows me to continue my passion to advocate for graduate education at ECU.

I know many of you know Dr. Gemperline personally and we can report he is already thoroughly enjoying his retirement. Thankfully, he left an outstanding legacy for graduate education at ECU and we will continue to build on that excellent foundation.

YOU are a part of that excellence! We know that you have options when it comes to choosing your graduate education institution and we are privileged to have you as an ECU Pirate. Whether it is your first semester for or your fourth year as a graduate student, your commitment to your discipline and to ECU is appreciated.

We hope you take advantage of the resources and events we will provide in the monthly Pirate Pearls newsletter that will arrive to your ECU email inbox around the 1st of each month. You will find deadlines and reminders for academic information such as add/drop dates, withdrawal dates, and thesis-dissertation submission dates. You will also read about the various resources and activities on campus (and online!) that are available to help you move through your graduate program smoothly. Whether you are fully on-campus or completely online, or a mix of those two modalities, ECU has resources to help you academically, personally and professionally. We urge you to take advantage of all that we provide.

I hope you have an excellent fall semester and I look forward to talking with as many of you as I can as we attend various events. Please do not hesitate to contact the Graduate School at any time with your questions. Email gradschool@ecu.edu and one of our outstanding staff members will respond and help you as best they can.

Go PIRATES!

Kathy Cox, PhD, Interim Dean, Graduate School

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Thesis Or Dissertation Upload Deadline

Fall 2022 – November 30

Spring 2023 – April 20

Summer 2023 – July 14

Fall 2023 – November 29

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!



RESEARCH/STATISTICS WORKSHOPS

DATE	WORKSHOPS	TIME	REGISTER
9/7 Wednesday	Data Structure and Measurement	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Here
9/15 Thursday	Qualtrics 1	1:00 - 2:30 PM	Here
9/22 Thursday	Qualtrics 2	1:00 - 2:30 PM	Here
9/28 Wednesday	R Introduction 1	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Here
10/5 Wednesday	R Introduction 2	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Here
10/13 Thursday	Cluster Analysis in SPSS	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Here

Graduate students can now register for research/statistics workshops for the Fall! First year graduate students are encouraged to attend the first three sessions. In addition to these workshops, research/statistics consulting is available at regular hours (8am-5pm, M-F).

Register for OFE workshops at <https://ofe.ecu.edu/office-for-faculty-excellence/ofe-sessions/>. More sessions are listed online.

Webex link for all sessions: <https://ecu.webex.com/meet/bianh>

If you have questions, email Dr. Bian at bianh@ecu.edu.

THESIS-DISSERTATION BOOT CAMP

Thesis-Dissertation Boot Camp is offered each semester in partnership with the Graduate School, Joyner Library, and the University Writing Center. They are held in person or virtually.

September 8th and 9th

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

REGISTER NOW >



Thesis/Dissertation Boot Camp is designed to give students focused writing time. We will meet virtually (using Microsoft TEAMS) for 2 days. We will have a meeting space in Microsoft TEAMS and you will "check-in" with the group several times between 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. The idea is that you will be giving yourself at least 2.5 - 3 hours of focused writing time per day.

Focused writing time means sitting in front of your laptop working on pages of your document, researching sources to use, making figures or tables, organizing references. You will want to be in a quiet, supportive location that will make progress on this important document an achievable goal. It is not a workshop with group activities or lots of interaction, although there is some! We do not want you too join the group, but then do other things throughout the day and not writing.

Waive out or you're in!

Student Health Insurance Plan

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Health insurance is a requirement for students meeting specific eligibility criteria. An affordable Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) is offered through Student Blue from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, or students may elect to keep their current health insurance coverage if they are already covered by an individual plan or through a parents' plan.

If you are taking 3 or more credits of campus-based courses, you are eligible to purchase the campus Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP). If you do not want this plan, you MUST waive out or you will be billed for it.

Deadline to take action (either enroll in, or waive out of, SHIP):
Fall semester - September 10

Eligibility Requirements:

Graduate Students must be:

- in a degree-seeking, ON-CAMPUS program
- enrolled in 3 or more credit hours each semester (Fall/Spring)
- pay the health fee with tuition

SHIP benefits and rate information

Student Blue has a website just for ECU parents and students. To view plan benefits, including a general summary, medical benefits, and health/wellness benefits, visit the Student Blue for ECU benefits page.

Rate information (billed on a semester basis)

- Fall Semester \$1,352.08* (effective dates 08/01/22 — 12/31/22)
- Spring Semester \$1,352.08* (effective dates 01/01/23 — 07/31/23)

* rate is pending Department of Insurance approval.

For more info on SHIP, click here! Student Health Services also has a FAQ page which includes some insurance questions!

Uwill - NEW TELETHERAPY OPTION FOR STUDENTS



Student Mental Health & Wellness

We're here for **U** when you need someone to talk to.



Students receive

FREE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO TELETHERAPY

- ✓ Choose a therapist based on your preferences - *issue, gender, language, ethnicity*
- ✓ Choose a time that fits your schedule - *day, night, weekend availability*
- ✓ Choose your appointment type - *video, phone, chat, or message*



Scan QR code or visit app.uwill.com

Private. *Secure.* Confidential.

ECU has contracted with Uwill to expand mental health treatment options for students and to keep wait time for services more manageable. We are pleased to announce this partnership with Uwill, a leading student mental health and wellness treatment option for students. Uwill offers students free immediate access to brief teletherapy services with a therapist of their choice. With Uwill, students have the ability to:

- Choose a therapist based on their preferences including issue, gender, language, ethnicity
- Choose a time that fits their schedule with day, night and weekend availability
- Choose their appointment type - video, phone, chat, or message
- Utilize services without paying the health service fee (e.g., distance education students)

Access is quick and easy. Students can register and book their first session in just minutes by clicking: <https://app.uwill.com/login>. Please use the attached documents to share this resource with your students and to forward information to your colleagues.

To learn more about all mental health services on campus, including Uwill:

<https://counselingcenter.ecu.edu/>

- [FAQs](#)
- [Quick Start Guide](#)

Please be aware that crisis services are available through CCSD 24/7/365 by calling 252-328-6661 (and selecting Option 2 if after-hours).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: FALL CAREER FAIRS

Health Careers Job Fair

East Carolina Heart Institute

College of Allied Health Sciences • College of Nursing
College of Health and Human Performance

September 12, 2022
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Employers Recruiting Future Health Care Professionals

Register on  handshake

For more information visit career.ecu.edu.

ADA Accommodation: 252-737-1018, ada-coordinator@ecu.edu



Register for the
Health Careers
Job Fair

Job & Internship Fair

Employers recruiting ECU Pirates™
All majors welcome!

View attending employers
in  Handshake
career.ecu.edu

Sept. 28, 2022 • 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Greenville Convention Center



C.S. 22-1446

Register for
the Job &
Internship Fair

Science, Engineering AND Technology Fair

September 28, 2022
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Greenville Convention Center

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 handshake

Internships & Jobs
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Register for the
Science,
Engineering, &
Technology Fair

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: FALL CAREER FAIRS

Grad School Fair

Thinking about Graduate School?
Register to learn which program
is right for you!

November 2, 2022
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
VIRTUAL on  handshake

Visit career.ecu.edu



ADA Accommodation: 252-737-1018 / ada-coordinator@ecu.edu

Register for the Grad School Fair

Are you a TA? Work
with undergraduate
students? Tell them
about the grad
school fair!



Need CAREER Help?

Drop-In Hours Career Services

In-Person (701 E. Fifth Street)
or Virtual (career.ecu.edu)

Monday-Friday | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ADA Accommodation: 252-737-1018 • ada-coordinator@ecu.edu



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For information on upcoming career fairs, login to Handshake or contact Career Services at career@ecu.edu. Career Services has resources geared towards graduate students, such as recorded professional development workshops. Check it out!



NSF GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has released a solicitation for applications for the [Graduate Research Fellowship Program \(GRFP\)](#). The GRP program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students who are pursuing full-time research-based master's and doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) or in STEM education. The NSF expects to award 2,750 Graduate Research Fellowships per fiscal year under this program solicitation pending the availability of funds.

The fellowship will provide three years of support over a five-year fellowship period for the graduate education of individuals who have demonstrated their potential for significant research achievements in STEM or STEM education.

Due dates range from Oct. 17 to Oct. 21, depending on topic area.

NSF actively encourages women, persons who are members of groups historically underrepresented in STEM, persons with disabilities, and veterans to apply.

Interested? Click [HERE](#) and read about the opportunity! Contact your mentor if you are interested in applying.

WRC WATER SCHOLARS PROGRAM REQUEST FOR STUDENT PROPOSALS

The Water Resources Center (WRC) Water Scholars Committee is pleased to announce the Fall 2022 WRC Student Water Scholars Program Request for Proposals. Awards are expected to range from \$500 - \$2,000, though there is no limit to what can be requested. The committee anticipates the availability of \$20,000 to support projects per academic year. This program provides funding to actively enrolled undergraduate and graduate students at ECU with a passion to pursue an independent research or creative activity related to water and the environment. Priority will be given to projects that provide a benefit to the broader ECU and North Carolina community through the project, such as:

- Engaging people in environmental justice issues,
- Helping to develop a new community field site,
- Sharing data or building data sharing infrastructure,
- Initiating or strengthening community partnerships,
- Leading citizen science activities,
- Organizing events or seminars that build student involvement,
- Create and share stories about issues in the region (any media form)

The Water Scholars Program supports undergraduate and graduate students interested in seeking student-led, faculty-supervised creative, educational, and/or research activities. Each applicant must identify a faculty member who will serve as the project mentor.

Important Dates

- The submission deadline for the request is 9 September 2022 at 11:59 PM.
- Awards will be announced in late September.

For more information regarding this award, please visit [Student Water Scholars Program | Water Resources Center | ECU](#). Please contact Ariane Peralta (peraltaa@ecu.edu) with any additional questions.

CENTER FOR COMMUNICATION EXCELLENCE

FALL 2022 APPOINTMENT DATES AND TIMES

August 29th - December 5th

Monday and Wednesday: 12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Online Evening Hours: MW- 6:00 - 8 p.m.

Welcome Back Pirates™! Our theme for Fall 2022 is "Thriving" instead of just "Surviving." Our mission is to help you take your communication skills to a professional level. Join us this fall for our Open House and rebrand, our popular Face Your Fear event, monthly interactive workshops, and informative monthly Lunch and Learn sessions. Click [here](#) for more information.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!



MAKE A FACE TO FACE OR VIRTUAL APPOINTMENT!



REQUEST US FOR A PRESENTATION!



COME SEE US AT GET A CLUE (AUGUST 31ST)!



JOIN US AT OUR REBRANDING OPEN HOUSE (SEPTEMBER 8TH)!



REGISTER FOR OUR MONTHLY WORKSHOPS (TBD)!



FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



CONTACT US!



(252)-328-2790



commcenter@ecu.edu



Joyner East 205C

<https://communication.ecu.edu/cce/>

LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED ON CAMPUS?



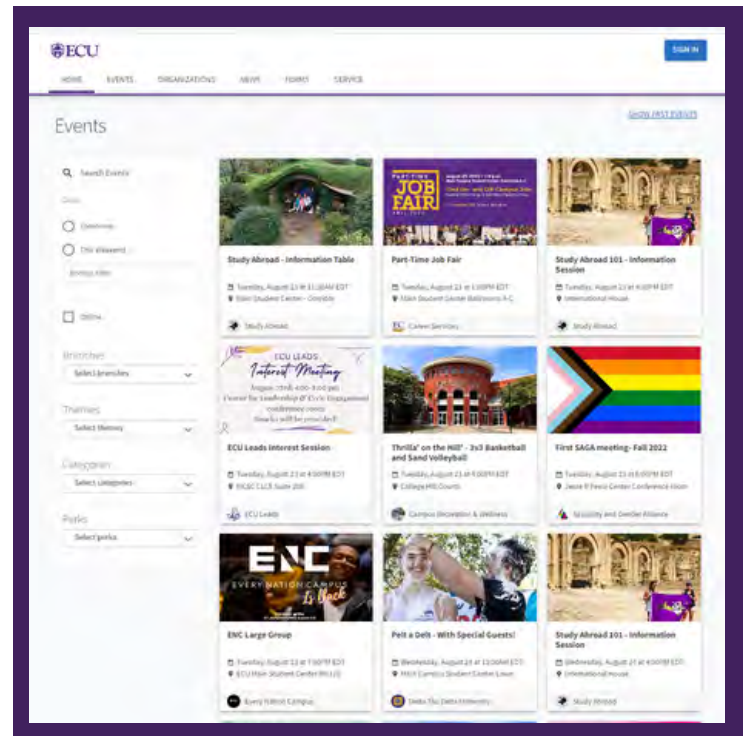
Student events and activities, like **The Pirate Experience**, can be found on **ENGAGE**.

ENGAGE is the online community which helps students stay connected and in the loop on the great opportunities at ECU!

ENGAGE serves as your major resource for campus engagement and features the ability to:

- Find a campus club, organization, or recreational program.
- Connect and serve with local nonprofit organizations to have an impact on various social issues.
- See a full list of student-centered events happening around campus.

If you are interested in learning more or even becoming a student organization advisor, visit the **Department of Student Engagement** website.



HOIST: HELPING OUR STUDENTS THRIVE

HOiST, a partnership between the Dean of Students, Office of Faculty Excellence and University Writing Center, provides resources and highlights Student Affairs services while allowing for consultation and referral recommendations with faculty members.

This program began in Spring 2020 and has been successfully hosted for the past three semesters with virtual and in-person options. Visit the [HOiST website](#) under the “Partnering with Student Affairs” section.

Topics for Fall 2022 include:

- Building Your Student Services Network: An Overview of Resources and Support—Early September
- Civil Discourse and Impact on the Academy—Late September
- Coming out of the Pandemic: Student Mental Health and Classroom Expectations—Late October
- University DEI Efforts and Goals for our Campus—Mid November

UMBC is accepting applications for Cohort VII (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2025) of the Fellows for Faculty Diversity Program!

The University of Maryland Baltimore County invites applications for Cohort VII of the UMBC Fellows for Faculty Diversity Program. UMBC is dedicated to ensuring a diverse, inclusive, and scholarly environment that encourages outstanding individuals to enter the academic profession. The purpose of the Program is to support promising scholars, artists, and creative practitioners, who are committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and access in the academy and to prepare those fellows for possible tenure track appointments at UMBC. We are particularly interested in receiving applications from individuals who are members of groups that historically have been underrepresented in the professoriate.

UMBC will appoint recent recipients of a Ph.D. degree, including Ed.D, DFA, and MFA, as Faculty Fellows for a two-year term in-residence fellowship beginning July 1, 2023. Fellows receive a starting stipend of \$54,500, health benefits, \$5,500 for conference travel, preparation of scholarly/creative work, and technology needs. Fellows are also provided with office space, library and other privileges at the university. During the two-year fellowship, fellows are provided teaching and research mentors and specialized professional development opportunities. In addition to pursuing their research and or creative/artistic agenda, fellows teach one course a year in their host department.

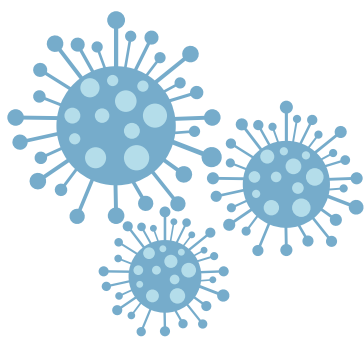
Applications for study in any field represented at UMBC are welcome. Successful candidates for the Program will be selected on the basis of scholarly and/or creative artistic promise and potential to contribute to UMBC's values of diversity, equity, inclusion, and access.

- [General Call for Applications](#)
- [Program FAQs](#)
- [Registration for Information Webinar](#)
 1. August 12, 2022 (noon-1:30 pm EST)
 2. September 23, 2022 (noon-1:30 pm EST)



[Click here to access the application!](#)

COVID UPDATE TO CAMPUS



"As we begin the fall semester, we will continue to follow the plan we successfully implemented in spring semester and utilized throughout the summer. Our public health team continues to monitor COVID-19 data and coordinate with state, local and UNC officials and colleagues. Our situation is much improved since the early stages of COVID and the Delta variant. With a decrease in illness and outcome severity and the tools now available, we have adapted our response to the current stage of the pandemic – moving from crisis response to disease management."

"Below are some key aspects of our fall plan with additional details found at [Community Expectations](#).

- If you have [these symptoms identified by the CDC](#), do not attend work or class, and contact your medical provider. Students should fill out the [COVID-19 Self Reporting Form](#) in Pirate Port and notify their instructor. Employees should notify their supervisor and refer to [isolation and quarantine guidelines](#) established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Direct any questions regarding quarantine and isolation guidance to employeehealthcovid@ecu.edu. Employees will need to use sick and/or vacation leave for any absences related to COVID-19.
- Vaccines are encouraged and widely available to students and employees through Student Health Services. Employees can be vaccinated through the ECU Pharmacy, their personal physician or other local pharmacies.
- In accordance with UNC System guidance, masks remain optional except in limited situations in health care and laboratory settings based on infection control and lab safety plans. In accordance with CDC guidance, face coverings are still required to be worn for five (5) days after returning from quarantine or isolation. For those wanting a high quality mask, the CDC website provides a [search function to help identify local retailers](#) providing free N95 masks. If you are more comfortable continuing to wear a mask in indoor settings, then you are encouraged to do so. Let's continue to treat each other with respect as we make individual choices regarding precautions against COVID-19.
- There are no limitations on gatherings.
- With the displacement of the Delta variant by the far more transmissible Omicron variant, surveillance testing and contact tracing are no longer effective control measures and have been discontinued.
- Symptomatic testing for students is available through [Student Health Services](#) and employees can use home test kits or contact their personal physician.

ECU administrators are also monitoring the monkeypox outbreak and coordinating with state, local and UNC System public health officials and colleagues. Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus and is in the same family as smallpox. While symptoms are similar to smallpox, monkeypox is typically milder and rarely fatal. Monkeypox can spread to anyone through close, personal, often skin-to-skin contact. Symptoms often begin with a flu-like illness accompanied by a rash, which may look like pimples or blisters. Additional information is available on the NC DHHS and CDC websites.

Welcome back to a new and exciting semester. Thank you for your continued efforts to stay healthy and to keep our community safe."

[Full Version Here](#)



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES: SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

15-week CALENDAR

FALL 2022

September 2, Friday	Census Day (Official enrollment count taken at 5:00 pm.)
September 5, Monday	State Holiday (no classes)
October 8 - 11, Saturday - Tuesday	Fall Break -- Classes resume at 8:00 am Wednesday, October 12.
October 24 - 28, Monday - Friday	Advising for Spring Semester 2023
October 31, Monday	Last day for undergraduate and graduate students to withdraw from term-length courses or withdraw from school without grades, by 5:00 pm; block courses may be dropped only during the first 60% of their regularly scheduled class meetings.

Alternate Block SCHEDULES

September 5, Monday	State Holiday (no classes)
September 19, Monday	Last day for undergraduate and graduate students to withdraw from Block 1 courses by 5:00 p.m.
September 29, Thursday	Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI) becomes available
October 6, Thursday	Classes end.
October 12, Wednesday	Grades due by 8:00 am
	BLOCK 2
October 12, Wednesday	Classes begin; schedule adjustments.
October 14, Friday	Last day for registration and schedule adjustments (drop/add), by 5:00 p.m.
November 10, Thursday	Last day for undergraduate and graduate students to withdraw from Block 2 courses by 5:00 p.m.
November 18, Friday	Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI) becomes available
November 23-27 Wednesday-Sunday	Thanksgiving break – Classes resume at 8:00 am Monday, November 28.
November 30, Wednesday	Classes end.
Friday, December 16	Grades due at 4:30 pm

Please remember that there are separate academic calendars for the 15-week semester and the Alternative Block schedules. Make sure to check the corresponding calendars if you have a mix of block & 15-week courses this semester.



Virtual Preparing Future Faculty Fall 2022 Workshop Sessions

Join us for interactive workshop sessions geared toward STEM Ph.D. students and Postdocs.

Topics will include:

What is it Like to be a New Professor?
How to be Successful in an Interview
Five Year Plan
Department Chair Panel: Perspectives on Hiring
Research Statements
Research Tools and Plans
Women in Academia
Importance of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Networking by Disciplines

Dates:

Friday, September 9

Friday, October 14

Friday, November 4

10:00 am - 2:00 pm CT

Register to attend at aub.ie/PFFfall22 or scan the QR code.

To create a virtual environment that promotes interaction, attendance will be limited for each session. If you are not selected to attend, recordings of each session will be emailed out the week after each workshop.



For more information, contact:

**Dr. Maria Auad | Samuel Ginn College of Engineering
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies & Faculty Development
aupff@auburn.edu | 334-844-5459**

Please join us for a virtual lecture!

Working with individuals in the LGBTQ+ community and their families

Didactic Lecture & Discussion for Graduate Students



Dr. Brandon Kyle, Ph.D.

Monday, September 19th 5:30-6:30pm via WebEx

Dr. Kyle will be discussing his experiences and knowledge of working with those in the LGBTQ+ community in a clinical setting. Exploring gender and sexual identity clinically with individuals, but also their families, will be discussed. An open discussion and time for questions will follow a brief lecture. All students and faculty are welcome to join via the link below.

Join via WebEx: <https://ecu.webex.com/meet/donelanj18> | 475876176

Join by video system

Dial donelanj18@ecu.webex.com and enter your host PIN.

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

Join by phone

+1-415-655-0003 US Toll

Access code: 475 876 176

This event is hosted by the Student Affiliates of School Psychology (SASP). Please contact Jen Donelan (donelanj18@students.ecu.edu) for any additional information or questions.