

Pirate Pearls

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GOOD LUCK DURING YOUR FINALS!

UPDATE: The date of the New Teaching Assistant orientation has been *changed* from May 10th to May 11th. It will be held virtually on Teams (9:00 am - 3:00 pm).

[Sign up here!](#)

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Thesis Or Dissertation Upload Deadline

Spring 2022 - April 21
Summer 2022 - July 15
Fall 2022 - November 30

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!



#RCAW22

Research & Creative Achievements Week

Main Campus Student Center | April 4th-8th, 2022 | Abstract Deadline: February 15th

Research & Creative Achievements Week

Research & Creative Achievements Week is rapidly approaching!

Check out all of the exciting poster sessions, oral presentations, and other events happening the week of **April 4th - 8th!**

[RCAW Event Main Page](#)

[Poster Session & Oral Presentation Schedules](#)

[Official Abstract Programs from Previous Years](#)

[International Scholars and Students Symposium](#)



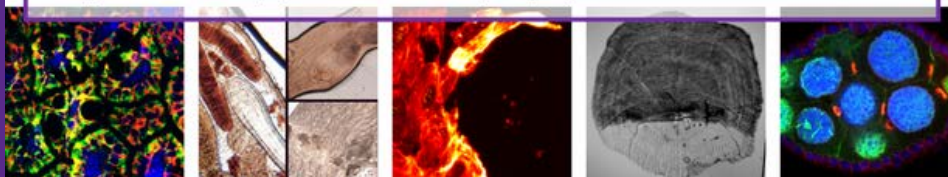
3RD ANNUAL "CAPTURING THE ART OF SCIENCE" IMAGE COMPETITION HOSTED BY LASER TAG

To enter, submit your best research image* and a brief research description** to litwak16@ecu.edu by Friday, March 25, 2022.

*Images can be edited and artistically stylized. **No more than 5 sentences.

Winners will be announced during RCAW.

Winning submissions will be displayed online and at the Scullery during May.



[3rd Annual Laser TAG RCAW Image Competition](#)

Winners will be announced during RCAW. View the previous years' entries and winning submissions here:

- [Laser TAG 2021 RCAW Image Competition](#)
- [Laser TAG 2020 RCAW Image Competition](#)

AVAILABLE RESOURCES AT ECU

MySSP Student Support Program - Teletherapy

This program offers chat, phone, and scheduled video therapy services to enrolled students, including distance education students and students outside North Carolina and the U.S. (for practical training or Study Abroad). In addition, my SSP provides free, confidential mental health and well-being support that is conveniently available 24/7. Available in five languages (Cantonese, English, French, Mandarin, and Spanish,) Open Call and Open Chat can be accessed through the My SSP website, by downloading the My SSP app <https://counselingcenter.ecu.edu/my-ssp/> or by calling 866-408- 2688.

Kognito

An online module that is an interactive learning experiential module for students and faculty members builds awareness, knowledge, and skills about mental health and suicide prevention and prepares users to lead real-life conversations with students to build resilience, strengthen relationships, and connect them with support. Find out more at <https://kognitocampus.com> and register for a new account, using “ecustudents” or “ecuemployee” as your enrollment key.

Clinical Services

Students continue to receive information about the variety of options for counseling services available on campus, from the academic-based clinics (ECU PASS Clinic, Family Therapy Clinic, Navigate Counseling Clinic, and the McClammy Lab) to services through the Center for Counseling and Student Development and Student Health Services (Psychiatry and Gender-affirming Care).

AVAILABLE RESOURCES AT ECU

Mental Health First Aid

Supported by an initiative from the UNC System, Mental Health First Aid for Higher Education teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. This training — which focuses on college students' unique experiences and needs — gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care. Our goal is to train 10,000 people in Mental Health First Aid within the UNC System by December 2022.

Student Veteran Services (SVS)

SVS facilitates transition from the military to university life. They provide accurate and timely information to help you navigate your Federal VA benefits and the resources available to you on campus and within the community. SVS also works to help educate the campus community to help ensure student veterans have a positive experience at ECU. They also provide mentoring through the Peer Advisors for Veteran Education (PAVE) program and connect students with the Pirate Veteran's Student Organization. For faculty and staff, they provide Green Zone Training on information and resources related to issues faced by student veterans, service members & families as well as resources and information to help students inside the classroom. Over they offer a supportive environment where faculty and staff can seek assistance research to understand best practices for student veterans. Please visit their offices and veterans lounge in Mendenhall room 254

Faculty & Staff Assistance Program (FASAP)

Conversations with friends and family members can be helpful. But sometimes, you need more guidance. ECU's Faculty & Staff Assistance Program (FASAP), provided by ComPsych, allows you to talk confidentially with an expert. Your initial consultation, and up to two additional free consultations, will be free and are available to you as well as family members living in your household.

INFORMATION ABOUT MILITARY SERVICE OBLIGATIONS FOR STUDENTS

The university recognizes that students who are members of the United States Armed Forces including the National Guard, Reserve, or Active-Duty members are required by their military contract to attend mandatory training. Military students who are required to attend activities that cause them to be absent from class may qualify for a UEA with proper documentation.

- **Military students must complete two (2) steps to Request a University Excused Absence:**
 - **STEP 1 (Submit Military Orders)**: Students must e-mail documentation of the mandatory military training in the form of orders or equivalent documents to Cary Ann Reeves at reevesc@ecu.edu.
 - **STEP 2 (Request University Excused Absence)**: Once the orders have been received and processed, the student will be sent an e-mail from “SharePoint” with the subject “new military orders received/submit your request for university excused absence”. The e-mail will include a link to request the University Excused Absence. Please do not submit the Request for a University Excused Absence until both the e-mail has been received and the orders are processed.
- * Note: Documentation for military service obligations is submitted to Cary Ann Reeves; therefore, it is not necessary to upload another copy with the request for university excused absence.
- Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) § 116-11(3b), a UEA for military service obligations shall be given for the period the student is on active duty. Instructors are expected to honor valid UEAs and to provide reasonable and equitable means for students to make up work missed as a result of those absences.
- Students who anticipate missing 10% or more of class meeting time as a result of university excused absences are required to receive approval from the instructor at the beginning of the semester. Student experiences that cannot be made up should be discussed at the onset of the course to ensure that continued enrollment is feasible while there is still the opportunity to withdraw the course within the schedule change period.
- Students who have been called to active military duty or reassigned to a new active-duty station, and who are unable to complete the semester, may qualify for tuition and fee refund. Standard Operating Procedures related to refund and withdrawals are located [here](#).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: STATISTICS & RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

Date	Workshops	Time	Link
4/6 Wednesday	NVivo intro	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Register
4/14 Thursday	Mplus intro	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Register
4/20 Wednesday	Introduction to factor analysis with SPSS & R	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Register

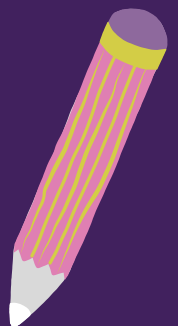
In order to attend a statistical workshop,
students can register for these sessions [here!](#)
If they have any questions, please email bianh@ecu.edu.



**USE THE
LINKS
ABOVE TO
REGISTER
FOR SESSIONS!**



*Good luck during
Spring Finals!*



ECU I-CORPS INNOVATION AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The ECU I-Corps Innovation Ambassador Program is an experiential internship program made available through a grant from the National Science Foundation. The program is available to highly motivated students (undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral scholars) in the physical and life sciences, engineering, and technology fields who are interested in learning skills essential for identifying and assessing innovations for future development potential.

ECU I-Corps Innovation Ambassador Program

Graduate Student Internship Opportunity

Learn to identify and assess innovations, inventions and scholarly works for practical application.

- Eligible Applicants:
 - Graduate Students and Postdocs
 - Physical and Life Sciences, Engineering, and Technology
- 5 hours per week; \$20/hour
- Funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation

Benefits for the Ambassador

- Exposure to a wide range of translational research endeavors;
- Learn forms of intellectual property protection;
- Build transferable skills for their future career success; and
- Establish a network of connections.

Benefits to the Graduate Mentor

- Identification of materials and resources of interest to the research community;
- Facilitate distribution to the scientific community;
- Potential revenue generation in support of research activities; and
- Expose Ambassador to alternative career pathways.

Learn more and apply online at
[GO.ECU.EDU/INNOVATIONAMBASSADOR](https://go.ecu.edu/innovationambassador)



[Learn more and apply online at
https://rede.ecu.edu/innovation/ecu-innovation-ambassador-program/](https://rede.ecu.edu/innovation/ecu-innovation-ambassador-program/)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: SPRING CAREER FAIRS

Looking for a Career Fair? Check out the one for all majors listed below!



All-Majors Virtual Job Fair



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

April 13, 2022
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Employers hiring
ECU Pirates for Jobs
& Internships

C.S. 22-0754

All-Majors Virtual Job Fair

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
April 13, 2022

Virtual on Handshake

Virtual Career Fair Checklist: [Click Here.](#)

Career Counselors Are Available to Help You Get Ready:

- [Click here to make an appointment.](#)
- [Virtual Drop-Ins](#), Monday-Friday from 11 am – 3 pm.
- [Click here to submit your resume](#) for an online review (Virtual Resume Review.)
- Develop and practice your *Power Greeting* using the [template here for introductions to employers.](#)
- NOTE: Students must make their profile and resume visible to employers. For information on privacy options in Handshake click [here](#). For information on setting your resume and documents to be visible to employers click [here](#).
- [Check the Handshake Virtual Fair Video Requirements and Troubleshooting listed here.](#)
- Watch this [5 minute video](#) on how to navigate the Handshake virtual career fair.

Contact ECU Career Services for more information and resources: career.ecu.edu

ECU TO HOST COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY, COLLEGE RECOGNITION CEREMONIES

Throughout our history ECU's commencement ceremony has been a time to recognize and celebrate the achievements of our students. This time-honored tradition congratulates them for a job well done and encourages them to accomplish amazing things in the future.

The university ceremony for Spring 2022 Commencement will be in-person at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Friday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m.

All ECU spring 2022 graduates and eligible summer 2022 graduates, including those earning undergraduate, masters, doctoral and professional degrees, will be **required to complete an RSVP form** to participate in the university commencement ceremony.

[The RSVP deadline is April 10.](#)

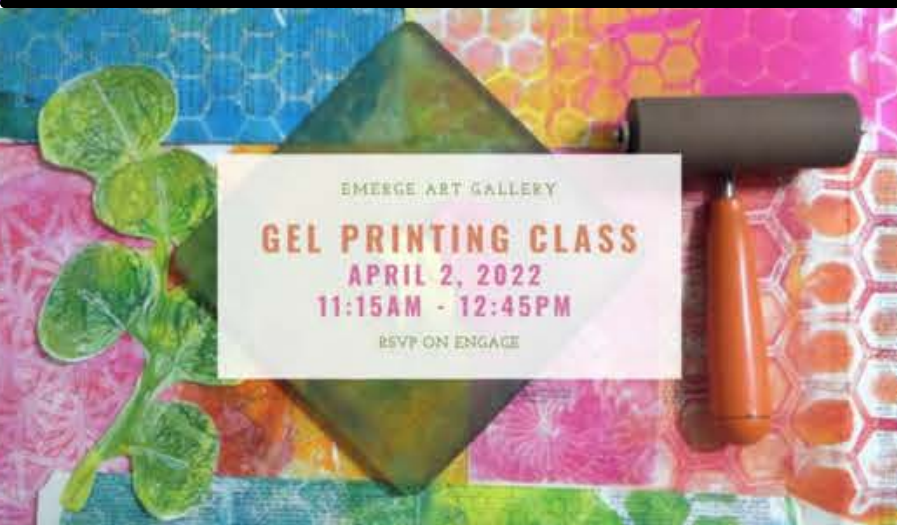
The required RSVP process will assist with logistical planning, guest seating and safety protocols. Students who have completed the RSVP by April 10 will receive additional emailed instructions.

ECU intends to host college specific recognition ceremonies on campus May 6-7. Each college recognition ceremony, unlike the university commencement ceremony, will require tickets for entry. Plans for the college recognition ceremonies are still in development.


The exact times and dates will be announced in coming weeks.

For questions about commencement, visit the ECU Commencement website or email **commencement@ecu.edu**.

GPSS GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EVENTS



Emerge Art Class: Gel Printing

 **Saturday April 2, 2022; 2 sessions**
11:15 AM - 12:45 PM & 1:15 - 2:45 PM

 **Emerge Art Gallery**
404 Evans Street, Greenville, NC


This class is only open to current ECU Graduate and Professional Students. Reserve your spot by RSVPing to this event. RSVP's will open on March 21, 2022.

Learn how to make colorful art while having fun with this fast and easy hand printing method. All materials are provided. This class is for beginners and for those with more art experience. You will create with printing leaves and other botanical materials, stencils, and with common household objects. Your final creations will make great original hand-printed cards and art prints you can frame.



Make & Bake with Gwendy's Goodies - Rosemary Focaccia

 **Saturday, April 9th, 2022**
10 AM - 11 AM

 **Online**

Grab a FREE Rosemary Focaccia kit and bake along with Gwendy from Gwendy's Goodies! Appropriate for even the most inexperienced baker, this fun class is a great introduction into baking.

Kit Pick-up = Friday, April 8 from 4-6pm at the Health Sciences Student Center

Virtual Class = Saturday, April 9 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.

GPSS GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EVENTS



Stop by the Wellbeing Center and relax with a FREE 10-minute chair massage provided by the experienced massages therapists from Reflexology!

GPSAW: Stress Less Chair Massages



Wednesday, April 6, 2022
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

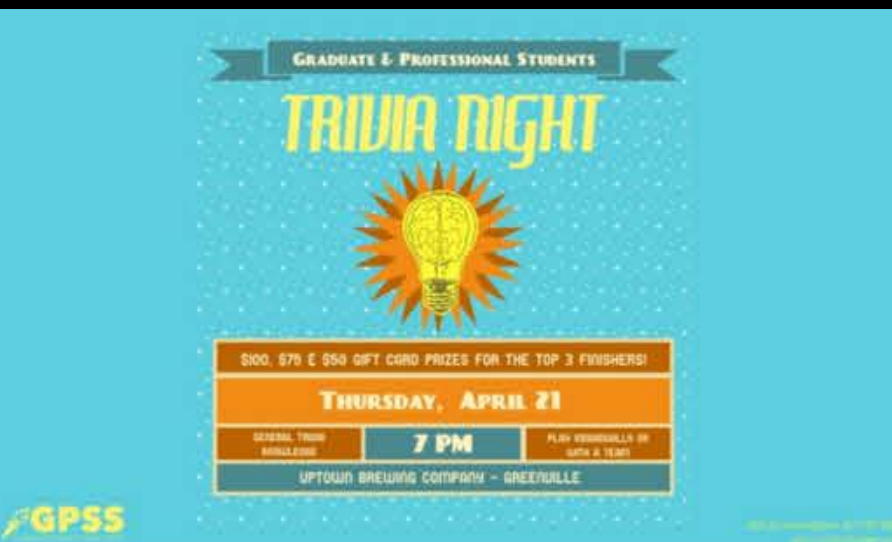


Health Sciences Student Center

This event is part of Graduate and Professional Students Appreciation Week.

Sign-up for spots will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis.

RSVP to this event to receive a day of the reminder email.



Grab some friends and join us at Uptown Brewing for a friendly game of Trivia. There will be \$100, \$75, and \$50 gift card prizes for the top three teams! Play by yourself or with a team! Teams may include non-student guests, however only ECU graduate and professional students are eligible for the prizes. Check-in at 6:45pm, Trivia begins at 7pm. RSVP to this event to receive a day-of email reminder.

Graduate and Professional Students Trivia Night



Thursday, April 21 2022
7 PM - 8 PM



Uptown Brewing Company
418 Evans Street, Greenville, NC

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE EVENTS!](#)



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

APRIL
4

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS TO WITHDRAW FROM 8-WEEK BLOCK 2 COURSES, BY 5 PM

Alternative Block Scheduling

APRIL
28

FINAL EXAMS BEGIN

15-week Schedule

APRIL
15-16

STATE HOLIDAY

No classes

MAY
5

FINAL EXAMS FOR SPRING SEMESTER END

15-week Schedule

APRIL
20 & 26

CLASSES END (APRIL 20TH)

Alternate Block Scheduling

CLASSES END (APRIL 26TH)

15-week semester

MAY
6

COMMENCEMENT

APRIL
26

STATE HOLIDAY MAKEUP DAY

15-week Schedule - Classes which would have met on Friday, April 15th will meet on this day. Tuesday classes will not meet.

MAY
9

GRADES DUE AT 8:00 AM

15-week Schedule

APRIL
27

READING DAY

15-week Schedule

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.