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Research & Creative Achievement Week

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April 3-6

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RCAW 2023 will be held on April 3-6

Undergraduate Student Day is Monday, April 3 ([Schedule](#))
Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholars Day is Wednesday, April 5 ([Schedule](#))

RCAW 2023 Schedule

ECU Research and Creative Achievement Week provides all students with an excellent opportunity to share their research and creative activity, practice their presentation skills, and meet other creative scholars at ECU with similar interests.

UNDERGRADUATE and GRADUATE students, and POSTDOCTORAL scholars* are invited to present their research to fellow students, colleagues, faculty, and the local community in a professional, conference-style setting. We define research as an original systematic investigation and/or original creative activity designed to develop or contribute to knowledge or culture.

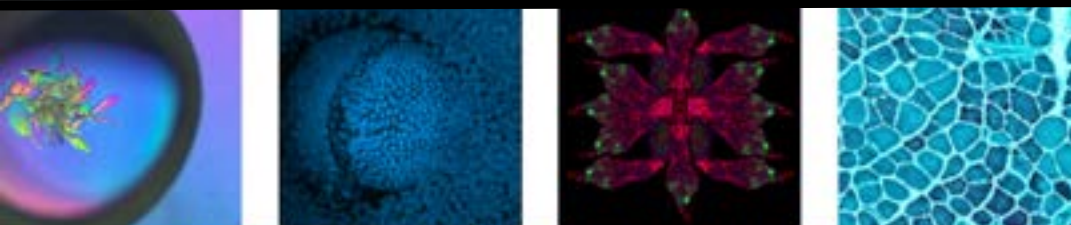
*Postdoctoral scholars must be current East Carolina University students or postdoctoral scholars to submit an abstract.

Thesis Or Dissertation Upload Deadline

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!

[View newsletter archive here.](#)



4th ANNUAL "CAPTURING THE ART OF SCIENCE" IMAGE COMPETITION HOSTED BY LASER TAG*

This event celebrates the beauty of scientific discovery. Entries are judged on aesthetics, originality, and relation to the described science. Winning images will be shared with the community and on social media (Twitter @ECLaserTag and Instagram lasertag_2020). In previous years, winning entries have been displayed at the Scullery, the Art Lab, and NC Museum of Natural Sciences at Greenville. Competition is open to all ECU students and post-docs. To enter please submit an image from your research and a brief 3-5 sentence description of the research to Dr. Liwa at llwak16@ecu.edu by Friday, March 3, 2023. Winners will be announced during RCAW.

Laser Technology Applications Group (TAG) is an intellectual exchange group that is sponsored by the North Carolina Biotechnology Center.



IMPORTANT GRADUATION CEREMONY DETAILS

We want to recognize and celebrate your achievements at ECU's commencement ceremony and at college or department recognition ceremonies! These ceremonies provide opportunity for fellow students, faculty, staff, family, friends, etc. to honor and applaud your accomplishments, but there are some important details to which you must attend even as you complete your program of study. Make note of deadlines, dates and times of ceremonies, locations, etc. in the following text so that you and your support team do not miss anything.



The university ceremony for Spring 2023 Commencement will be in person at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Friday, May 5 at 10 a.m. All ECU spring 2023 graduates and eligible summer 2023 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 form, which has a deadline of April 14, will be emailed to graduates and posted on the [ECU Commencement website](#). The required RSVP process will assist with logistical planning, guest seating and safety protocols. Students who have completed the RSVP by April 14 will receive additional emailed instructions.

ECU will host college-specific recognition ceremonies on campus May 5-6. Unlike the university commencement ceremony in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, each college recognition ceremony will require tickets for entry. Details for the college recognition are available on the [ECU Commencement website](#). Information about the RSVP, tickets for the college ceremonies and other logistical details will be emailed to those who have applied to graduate throughout March and April.

For questions about commencement, visit the [ECU Commencement website](#) or email commencement@ecu.edu.

GRADUATION CHECKLIST

FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS



ACADEMIC TASKS

- [Apply to Graduate](#) (Office of the Registrar).
- Review [Degree Works](#) with an advisor to ensure all degree requirements are met.
- [Upload a thesis or dissertation by the published deadline](#), if applicable.
- Review your program's requirements and submit documentation of capstone project, internship report, or other major projects, if applicable.
- Review your degree program's policy and arrange to take a comprehensive exam, if applicable.

FINANCIAL TASKS

- Pay all campus balances due including library fines, parking tickets, student account (with [Cashier's Office](#)), student health center, etc.
- Return all borrowed equipment from your department, research lab, and student recreation centers.
- Complete Student Exit Loan Counseling if loans were received; see the email from [Financial Aid](#) or talk with your financial aid counselor.

GRADUATION TASKS

- Review <https://commencement.ecu.edu> to find deadlines for important graduation tasks:
 - Order your cap & gown and purchase hood, **noting pick up dates/times**. Doctoral students rent commencement regalia by contacting the [Dowdy Student Store](#).
 - RSVP to attend the main graduation ceremony by published deadline.
 - RSVP to attend your department or college recognition ceremony by published deadline.
- Complete Graduate Student Exit Survey (GSES). This will arrive in your ECU email.
- Update your personal email address and add your cell phone number in PiratePort under “My Information” so the University can stay in touch with you.
- Respond to Graduate School emails about walking in the hooding ceremony if you are an EdD, PhD or DrPh graduate. Look for emails from Tania Alvarez (alvarezt@ecu.edu).
- **PhD students only:** Complete the Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED). Instructions emailed from Dean of Graduate School.

RESEARCH TASKS

- Consult with the Institutional Review Board to learn how to “close out” the studies in [ePIRATE](#) If you are the primary investigator on research studies.
- Discuss with your research mentor and/or the Institutional Review Board how to store data collected as a part of your research assistantship, thesis, or dissertation.
- Ensure you have followed any necessary exit procedures from your research lab & employment.

PERSONAL TASKS

- If you are planning to leave Greenville, review your lease to determine when to give your landlord notice that you will be moving out.
- Make an appointment with [Career Services](#) to polish your resume & get advice about job search.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



LET'S TALK!

A DROP-IN SAFE SPACE FOR QUESTIONS
CENTERED AROUND STUDENT MENTAL
HEALTH FOR ECU GRADUATE STUDENTS



**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH FROM
3:30-5:00 PM**

LOCATION: RAGSDALE ROOM 114

What to Ask About

- What to expect from counseling
- On-Campus resources that support emotional health
- Concerns about others
- Stress management



Why it Can be Helpful

- Opportunity for students to consult about a concern
- Gain experience talking with a counselor
- Learn if counseling can be helpful for you
- Understand what counseling is

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

Student Affairs has posted several new GA positions for 2023-24. They can be found here (<https://studentaffairs.ecu.edu/garecruitment/>).

2022-2023

Research & Statistics Workshops

The table below shows the 2023 Spring & Summer statistics/research workshop schedule. All sessions are virtual via Webex. Workshop materials will be emailed to participants prior to the session. I recommend that students register for these sessions in advance.

Students can get more information at <https://ofe.ecu.edu/office-for-faculty-excellence/research-and-stats/statistics-and-research-workshop-series/>. If you have any questions, you can email Dr. Bian at bianh@ecu.edu.

Register for OFE workshops [here](#)
Webex link to all sessions [here](#)

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

| Date | Workshops | Registration link | Time | Location |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------|
| 4/5 Wednesday | Poisson regression | Link | 1:00-3:00pm | Webex |
| 4/13 Thursday | NVivo Introduction | Link | 1:00-3:00pm | Webex |
| 4/19 Wednesday | Factor analysis | Link | 1:00-3:00pm | Webex |

Note: Research/statistics consulting is available at regular hours (8am-5pm, M-F). All workshops and consultations are open to graduate students as well.
Contact Dr. Hui Bian at bianh@ecu.edu

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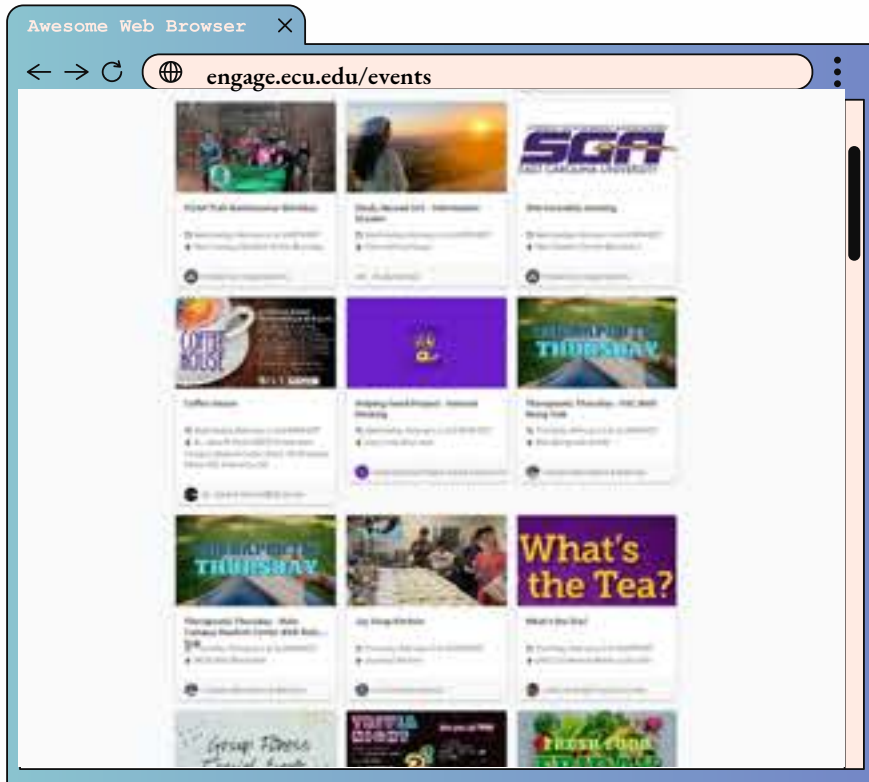
| | Tuesday (May 16) | Wednesday (May 17) | Thursday (May 18) |
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| Week 1 | SPSS Intro (9:00-11:00am) Dr. Courtney Baker Link to Register | R Intro (9:00-11:00am) Dr. Alex Schoemann Link to Register | Mplus Intro (9:00-11:00am) Dr. Whitney Moore Link to Register |
| | SPSS Advanced (1:00-3:00pm) Dr. Hui Bian Link to Register | R Markdown (1:00-3:00pm) Dr. Paul Vos Link to Register | Qualtrics (1:00-3:00pm) Dr. Hui Bian Link to Register |

| | Tuesday (May 23) | Wednesday (May 24) | Thursday (May 25) |
|--------|--|---|---|
| Week 2 | Descriptive Statistics and Artificial Intelligence (9:00am-12:00pm) Dr. Paul Vos Link to Register | How to conduct quantitative research (9:00am-12:00pm) Dr. Qiang Wu Link to Register | Survival analysis (9:00am-12:00pm) Dr. Kevin O'Brien Link to Register |
| | Statistical Inference and Artificial Intelligence (1:00-4:00pm) Dr. Paul Vos Link to Register | Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling (1:00-4:00pm) Dr. Alex Schoemann Link to Register | Survey data analysis using BRFSS and NHANES data (1:00-4:00pm) Dr. Qiang Wu Link to Register |

| | Tuesday (May 30) | Wednesday (May 31) | Thursday (June 1) |
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| Week 3 | Mixed Research Design (9:00-11:00am) Dr. Hui Bian Link to Register | Individual Interview and Focus Groups (9:00-11:00am) Dr. Anne Ticknor Link to Register | Multiple Linear Regression (9:00-11:00am) Dr. Courtney Baker Link to Register |
| | Coding in Qualitative Research (1:00-3:00pm) Dr. Kawanna Bright Link to Register | Content Analysis (1:00-3:00pm) Dr. Heidi Bonner Link to Register | Mediation analysis using Lavaan in R (1:00-3:00pm) Dr. Whitney Moore Link to Register |

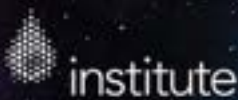
For questions, please go to <https://ofe.ecu.edu/summer-research-and-statistics-workshops/> for more details or contact Dr. Hui Bian at bianh@ecu.edu

INTERESTED IN ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS? CHECK OUT [ENGAGE!](#)



Looking for entertainment?
A local volunteer opportunity?
Athletic event? Information session?
Professional development?
Health/wellness or fitness event?

[Check out this page!](#)



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SPRING 2023 SCHEDULE: IMPORTANT DATES

15-Week Calendar:

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| April 7 - 8, Friday - Saturday | State Holiday (no classes) |
| April 12, Wednesday | Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI) becomes available. |
| April 13, Thursday | Last day for undergraduate students to submit work for removal of incompletes given during Fall 2022 |
| April 25, Tuesday | Last day for graduate students to submit work for removal of incompletes given during Spring Semester 2022 |
| April 25, Tuesday | State holiday makeup day; classes which would have met on Friday, April 7 will meet on this day so there will be effectively the same number of Fridays and Tuesdays as every other weekday during the semester. Tuesday classes will not meet. |
| April 25, Tuesday | Classes end; last day for Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI); last day for submission of grade replacement requests. |
| April 26, Wednesday | Reading Day |
| April 27, Thursday | Final Examinations begin. |
| May 4, Thursday | Exams for Spring Semester end. |
| May 5, Friday | Commencement |
| May 8, Monday | Grades due at 8:00 am |

Alternate Block

| BLOCK 2 | |
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| February 27, Monday | Classes begin; schedule adjustments. |
| March 1, Wednesday | Last day for registration and schedule adjustments (drop/add), by 5:00 p.m. |
| March 5-12 Sunday-Sunday | Spring break – Classes resume at 8:00 am Monday, March 13. |
| April 3, Monday | Last day for undergraduate and graduate students to withdraw from Block 2 courses by 5:00 p.m. |
| April 12, Wednesday | Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI) becomes available |
| April 19, Wednesday | Classes end. |
| May 8, Monday | Grades due at 8:00 am |

1. Classes meet four days a week, Monday through Thursday (27 class meetings)
2. Class length is one hour and twenty-five minutes (1:25)
3. No final exam period. Final exam is on the last day of class

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.