Pirate Pearls

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LeaderShape® and CATALYST® programs available for Graduate Students!

Are you looking for leadership development opportunities outside of your profession or program? The ECU Center for Leadership & Civic Engagement offers two programs that could be right for you. First, LeaderShape® is a week-long training designed to immerse you into leadership development in a way that will transform your world! The CATALYST program is similar, but just one full day. Catalyst® focuses on learning to develop your own authentic path, connect to groups and causes you care about, and commit to a plan to be a catalyst for yourself and the groups in which you're involved. The LeaderShape Institute® challenges participants to lead with integrity while working toward a vision grounded in their deepest values. Participants explore not only what they want to do, but who they want to be. Want to learn more? The [LeaderShape website](#) offers more information. And you can check back on the website of the Center for Leadership & Civic Engagement to learn about these offerings specifically for students at ECU!

2018 LeaderShape Catalyst applications are being accepted!

February 3, 2018 9:00 AM—4:30 PM FREE (lunch provided)

Mendenhall Student Center

[Applications available (click link) and DUE by January 15, 2018](#)

For questions, please contact: Mariah Rhodes, LeaderShape SLA - rhodesm15@students.ecu.edu; Aleix Murphy, Catalyst Student Program Assistant - murphyal15@students.ecu.edu

Important Reminders & Deadlines

January 5	Make final changes to your schedule for Spring 2018	Academic Calendar
January 8	First day of classes	Academic Calendar
January 12	LAST DAY of the Course Adjustment Period. All registration, schedule changes, and drop/adds must be completed by 5:00 PM Eastern today.	Academic Calendar
January 15	State Holiday—No Classes	Academic Calendar
March 4-11	Spring Break	Academic Calendar
April 19 (Thursday)	Last day to upload a thesis or dissertation to Vireo for Spring 2018 graduation	Processing Calendar

It is the student's responsibility to review the Academic Calendar for each semester to become familiar with the deadlines. Exceptions are not made for being unaware of a deadline.

Academic Calendars are always found at http://www.ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm

THESIS/DISSERTATION BOOT CAMP

Thesis/Dissertation Boot Camp applications are now being accepted until January 15!

Talk to your thesis or dissertation mentor today to find out if this is the right time for you to enroll!

[Thesis/Dissertation Boot Camp website](#)

[Application Link](#)

Next Session: January 29, 30, 31, 2018

8:30 AM—12:30 PM, Joyner Library 1415

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

18th Annual Graduate Research Symposium

April 6, 2018

Popp-Martin Student Union

Visit www.grs.uncc.edu for more info.

The UNC Charlotte Graduate & Professional Student Government invites **all graduate students** to submit an abstract for research to be considered for **cash prizes** at the interdisciplinary Graduate Research Symposium.

Poster Presentations: Master's and Doctoral Level

Oral Presentations: Doctoral Level*

*Master's Level students can submit for an oral presentation with faculty recommendation. Faculty should email an informal support statement to the Abstract Committee Co-Chairs.

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Abstract Submission Deadline:
February 16, 2018

GPSG

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[Register](#) for the Spring Career Fair

[More information](#) about the Spring Career Fair

[Register](#) for the Summer Jobs & Internship Fair

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[Register](#) for the Spring Education Fair

[More information](#) Spring Education Fair

Office for Faculty Excellence

presents:

2018 Spring Statistics and Research Workshops

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

Location

1008 Joyner library

Time

Tuesday or Wednesday

2:00-4:00pm

Please register those workshops at

http://www.ecu.edu/

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Sessions include

1. Mixed research design

2. Two SPSS sessions

3. Excel for reports

4. SAS introduction

5. Two NVivo sessions

6. Qualtrics

7. R introduction

8. Multiple linear regression

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Alternative Break Experiences

PUSHING BOUNDARIES AND CREATING CHANGE

Alternative Break Experiences (ABE) challenge all participants to critically reflect upon their role and ability to make lasting social change in our local, regional, and global community. East Carolina University Alternative Break Experiences create active citizens, leaders, and advocates for lasting social change.

Visit **ecu.edu/altbreaks** and connect on OrgSync to learn more about upcoming ABE information sessions, trips, applications, and deadlines.

#ECUABE

APPLY TODAY on ABE OrgSync

Individuals requesting accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the Department for Disability Support Services at least 48 hours prior to the event at (252) 737-1016 (Voice/TTY).

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TO LEARN MORE Visit the Alternative Break Experience page in OrgSync

https://orgsync.com/69125/chapter

You can apply for the 2018 Domestic Spring Alternative Break Experience in OrgSync as well!

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have."
~ Margaret Mead

Employment Opportunities

Thank you for your interest in employment with East Carolina University!

About East Carolina University

Types of Positions

To be considered for any position, you must apply on-line through this site. Please click on the links below:

EHRA Faculty Positions

EHRA Non Faculty Positions

Staff Positions

Postdoctoral Scholars

Student Positions

We know that many graduate students are looking for employment across campus in the form of part-time work or assistantships. The first place to ask is always your department and the program director for your degree or certificate program.

You can also review the jobs that are posted on the Office of Student Employment page. Click Students in the top left corner and you will get to the place where you can search for jobs which is the main ECU employment website: https://ecu.peopleadmin.com/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1297801919621. There, you can click on Student Positions to see a variety of jobs including assistantships and self-help positions. Jobs that are listed as Federal Work/Study are for students who have been awarded federal work/study financial aid. You must speak with the Financial Aid Office to find out more about federal work study options for graduate students.

In addition, the Graduate School emails announcements about assistantships to the Graduate Student listserv when available. Review your emails carefully to watch for assistantship opportunities!

Research & Creative Achievement Week
March 26—April 2, 2018

Research and Creative Achievement Week (RCAW) is an important milestone in the career of many graduate students at East Carolina University. It is important that you speak with your program advisors NOW to determine if you should be submitting something for the 2018 RCAW.

This link http://blog.ecu.edu/sites/rcaw/online-abstract-submission/ will get you straight to the place to submit an abstract. The abstract submission portal will be open Jan 8, 2018—Feb 2, 2018 and late submissions will not be accepted. Please communicate with your faculty now to determine what you will submit on January 8!

Also, click around the RCAW blog and see all that is there. We will also have training sessions to help students with their oral presentation skills for podium presentations and poster presentations. We hope that you consider a podium presentation instead of a poster, too—the experience is helpful to your development as a graduate student! You can find all the presentation dates, times, and locations already posted on the RCAW Workshops website! Put them in your calendar now so that you don't miss out on the opportunity to improve your public speaking skills prior to the event!

In addition, the ECU Libraries has a Presentations Help Guide that can give you more information on poster design and content including templates and examples. There is also help in improving your oral presentations, printing a poster and an archive of recordings of past RCAW training sessions! The more you know about RCAW, the better you can prepare and do well!

If you have any questions about your skills, RCAW, and how to prepare, please speak with your research mentor, your graduate program director, or consult with the Speech Communication Center, University Writing Center, or the Graduate School for more help.

Graduation & Support

Graduating in Spring 2018 or Summer 2018?

All graduate students in certificate and degree programs need to apply to graduate at least one semester prior to the semester of intended graduation. Make sure to review the Graduation Information website at the Office of the Registrar. On that page, you will find a direct link to a helpful PDF on how to apply for graduation. Also, graduation ceremony information is posted each semester at www.ecu.edu/commencement. Click the Graduation FAQs link for more!

RefWorks

Need an easy way to keep easy track of all your book and article citations?

Collaborating with a group and want to share your book and article citations?

RefWorks is browser-based software that allows users to easily import citations from most of ECU's online databases and automatically generates bibliographies in **MLA**, **APA**, **Chicago**, or hundreds of other citation styles.

Let us help get you started. **Book a librarian** today for a one-on-one introduction to **RefWorks** at:

https://joynerlibrary.youcanbook.me/

Questions? Please contact the Research and Instructional Services Department at askref@ecu.edu

Mark your calendars now and keep your eyes & ears open for specific information as it becomes available! Career Services & the Graduate School will be advertising & posting more details about these 2018 events!

March 5-9

Preparing your Application for Your Job Search
- Webinar on preparing for applications
- Resume/CV, cover letter support
- Virtual appointments & resume review with Career Services!

March 12-16

Understanding the Job Market
- Learn about cost of living, knowing your worth (salary)
- Benefits perks
- How do headhunters & third party recruiters work?

March 19-23

Job Search Strategies
- Webinar on preparing, use of LinkedIn for networking/job searches
- Use of social media
- College of Arts & Sciences: Beyond Your Degree presentations

March 26-30
Interviewing
- Webinar on preparing, mock interviews via InterviewStream

April 2-6
Mock interviews with employers (phone, Skype & in-person)
- A variety of mock experiences: academic, health care, industry, K-12 education

Graduate School Website Has Answers!

The Graduate School website is filled with resources can that make your graduate school experience smoother. The **financial resources page** has links to many available funding sources. The **Current Students** page has a variety of links including **graduation information**, **academic forms & policies**, and **thesis** & **dissertation submission** information. There are also **financial resources** and **events** where you can display your research! Make sure to bookmark **www.ecu.edu/gradschool** and come see what we have for you!