SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT FOR RCAW 2023 BY FEBRUARY 15TH!

To submit, log into your PiratePort. Find the Student Abstract Submission Card and click it to begin! Abstract submissions will close on February 15, 2023. Be aware that this deadline includes official mentor-approvals/final submission. Attention mentors and students: In accordance with our support of open access and sharing of knowledge, the RCAW program, including abstracts, will be published and available online.

Click here for more information about abstract submissions!
The Graduate School and Research, Economic Development, and Engagement are excited to announce that we are planning our annual Research and Creative Achievement Week (RCAW). It will include in-person podium presentations, performances, showcases, and poster sessions as well as virtual posters featuring the research and creative activities of our students and post-doctoral scholars from across campus.

This is a great opportunity to present your research to fellow students, colleagues, faculty, and the local community in a professional, conference-style setting.

We will be accepting submissions from January 3rd through February 15th, 2023. All information will be available on the RCAW website.

The abstract submission system is now open!

THESIS DISSERTATION BOOTCAMP
Online Workshop

SPEND 2 DAYS OF FOCUSED WRITING TIME WITH SUPPORT FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL, ECU LIBRARIES, AND THE UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER.

February 2 - 3
8:30 am - 3:00 pm

You will log in & out of Microsoft Teams to join the group & also have focused writing time at home. Materials & resources will be posted in the Team.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!
4th 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 3, 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.

View the previous years’ entries and winning submissions here:
- Laser TAG 2021 RCAW Image Competition
- Laser TAG 2020 RCAW Image Competition
Are you an undergrad researcher working with a near-peer (grad or postdoc) mentor? 
or
Are you a near-peer mentoring an undergrad?

If so, we invite you to apply to participate in the Communicating Across Difference research study!

This study is investigating what factors may influence the development of researchers’ communication skills, including the role of mentors in facilitating this process.

This study is funded by the National Institute of General Medicine Sciences (U01 GM 132219) and approved by The University of Texas MD Anderson IRB (Protocol #2019-1010).

Register to participate by January 31, 2023

**Important info:**

**WHAT:**
- Two engaging 2-hour workshops
- Co-creation of a short video about your research project
- Three surveys over ~9 months ($60 total compensation per participant)

**WHO:**
- Undergrad researchers currently being mentored by a near-peer (PhD, postdoc, or instructor)
- Near-peer mentor currently mentoring an undergrad researcher

**WHY:**
- Boost your mentoring skills!
- Get to know your mentor/mentee and yourself better
- Address RCR criterion of mentor-mentee communication
- Improve your science communication with the informal short video
- Document mentor training on your CV

**WHEN:**
- **Workshop 1 (pick one):**
  - Wed., Feb.8; 11AM-1:15PM CST
  - Thurs., Feb.9; 12PM-2:15PM CST
  - Fri., Feb.10; 1PM-3:15PM CST
- **Workshop 2 (pick one):**
  - Tues., April 11; 3PM-5PM CST
  - Wed., April 12; 11AM-1PM CST
  - Thurs., April 13; 12PM-2PM CST
The table below shows the 2023 Spring 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/](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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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
Professional Development:
Spring Career Fairs

Resumania Spring 2023

Monday, February 6, 2023
10:00am - 4:00pm

Main Campus Student Center, 249
501 East 10th Street

Stop by the Main Campus Student Center for a drop-in resume review! Career Counselors and staff will be available between 10 am and 4 pm in room 249 to provide assistance in preparing your resume before the job fairs on February 15th!

Science, Engineering, and Technology Fair

February 15, 2023
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Greenville Convention Center

Job & Internship Fair

February 15, 2023
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Greenville Convention Center

Pirate Pearls: February 2023
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:
SPRING CAREER FAIRS

Spring Education Career Fair

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
March 15, 2023
Greenville Convention Center

On-campus students, bring your ECU OneCard for admittance. Alumni and distance education students should bring either an ECU OneCard, Banner ID, or student e-mail address to career fairs & events.

For information on upcoming career fairs login to Handshake or contact Career Services at career@ecu.edu.

ECU 2023 Summer Job Fair

March 29, 2022 1-4 PM
MCSC Ballrooms

Check out this page!

**Upcoming February Events Include:**

- **Therapeutic Thursday** - Main Campus Student Center Well-Being Hub
- **Heart Health Awareness Month Kick-Off; Groove is in the Heart**
- **Healing Hearts-Grief Support Group**
- **3rd Floor Galentines**
- **Study Abroad 101 - Information Session**
- **Ronald McDonald House Activities**
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.

### Spring 2023 Schedule: Important Dates

#### 15-Week Calendar

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<td>Spring Break -- Classes resume at 8:00 am Monday, March 13.</td>
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<td>March 13 - 17, Monday - Friday</td>
<td>Advising for Summer Sessions and Fall Semester 2023</td>
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<td>March 23, Thursday</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>March 24, Friday</td>
<td>Early registration for special populations begins at 1:00 pm.</td>
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<td>March 27, Monday</td>
<td>Registration for Summer Sessions and Fall Semester 2023 begins.</td>
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<td>April 7 - 8, Friday - Saturday</td>
<td>State Holiday (no classes)</td>
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<td>April 12, Wednesday</td>
<td>Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI) becomes available.</td>
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<td>April 13, Thursday</td>
<td>Last day for undergraduate students to submit work for removal of incompletes given during Fall 2022</td>
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#### Alternate Block

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<td>Last day for undergraduate and graduate students to withdraw from Block 1 courses by 5:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI) becomes available</td>
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<td>Classes end.</td>
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<td>Grades due at 8:00 am</td>
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<td>Classes begin; schedule adjustments.</td>
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<td>Last day for registration and schedule adjustments (drop/add), by 5:00 p.m.</td>
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#### Graduation Application Deadlines:

- **Spring - February 1st**
- **Summer - March 1st**

Students who will complete all degree requirements in Spring or Summer are eligible to participate in the University Spring commencement ceremony. Students who complete degree requirements in Summer and who did not participate in the University Spring commencement ceremony have the option to participate in the University Fall commencement ceremony.

Pirate Pearls: February 2023