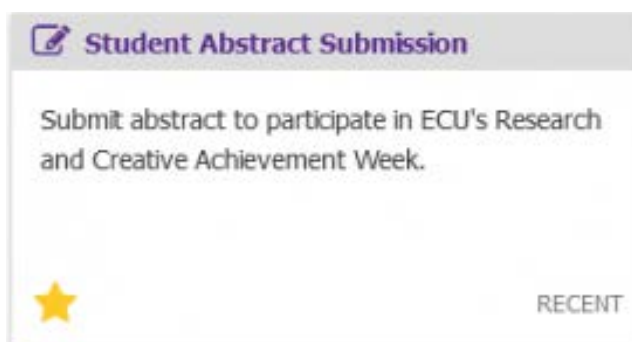


# Pirate Pearls

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## 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!](#)

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### 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.](#)





## Research & Creative Achievement Week

Main Campus  
Student Center  
April 3-6

 ECUGradSchool  
 #RCAW23  
 gradschool.ecu.edu

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*

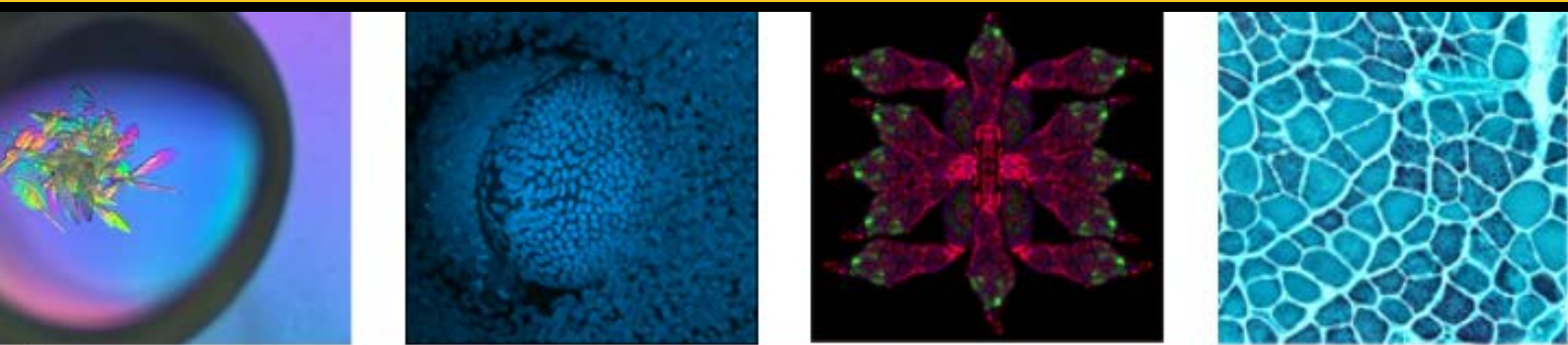
SPEND 2 DAYS OF FOCUSED WRITING  
TIME WITH SUPPORT FROM THE  
GRADUATE SCHOOL, ECU LIBRARIES,  
AND THE UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER.



*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.

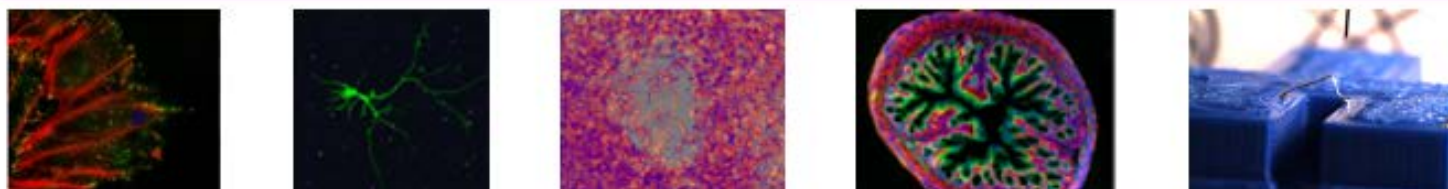
**CLICK  
HERE TO  
REGISTER!**



## 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Litwa at [litwak16@ecu.edu](mailto:litwak16@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.



## 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](#)



## Apply Today to Participate in the Communicating Across Difference (CAD) Research Study

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



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

# 2022-2023

## Research & Statistics Workshops

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/>. If you have any questions, you can email Dr. Bian at [bianh@ecu.edu](mailto:bianh@ecu.edu).

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

Research/Statistics Workshops for Spring 2023				
<i>Register for OFE workshops at <a href="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/</a> Webex link for all sessions: <a href="https://ecu.webex.com/meet/bianh">https://ecu.webex.com/meet/bianh</a></i>				
Date	Workshops	Registration link	Time	Location
2/2 Thursday	SPSS Intro	<a href="#">Link</a>	1:00-3:00pm	Webex
2/8 Wednesday	Qualtrics 1	<a href="#">Link</a>	1:00-3:00pm	Webex
2/15 Wednesday	Qualtrics 2	<a href="#">Link</a>	1:00-3:00pm	Webex
2/23 Thursday	Python Intro	<a href="#">Link</a>	1:00-3:00pm	Webex
3/1 Wednesday	Getting start on research: How to plan a meaningful and realistic thesis/dissertation study	<a href="#">Link</a>	1:00-2:30pm	Webex
3/16 Thursday	R Intro	<a href="#">Link</a>	1:00-3:00pm	Webex
3/22 Wednesday	Cluster analysis in SPSS	<a href="#">Link</a>	1:00-3:00pm	Webex
3/30 Thursday	Structural equation modeling	<a href="#">Link</a>	1:00-3:00pm	Webex
4/5 Wednesday	Poisson regression	<a href="#">Link</a>	1:00-3:00pm	Webex
4/13 Thursday	NVivo Introduction	<a href="#">Link</a>	1:00-3:00pm	Webex
4/19 Wednesday	Factor analysis	<a href="#">Link</a>	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](mailto:bianh@ecu.edu)

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: SPRING CAREER FAIRS



IS YOUR RESUME JOB FAIR READY?

# RESUMANIA

STOP BY RESUMANIA FOR A DROP-IN RESUME REVIEW BEFORE THE UPCOMING JOB FAIRS!

February 6 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Main Campus Student Center, Room 249

Register on [Handshake](#)  [career.ecu.edu](#)

## 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!



SPRING 2023

# Science, Engineering and Technology Fair

FEBRUARY 15, 2023 | 8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.  
GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER

Employers recruiting ECU Pirates for internships & jobs!

View attending employers on [Handshake](#)

 **ECU**  
CAREER SERVICES  
[career.ecu.edu](#)

ADA accommodation:  
252-737-1018  
[ada-coordinator@ecu.edu](mailto:ada-coordinator@ecu.edu)

## Science, Engineering, and Technology Fair

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

February 15, 2023  
Greenville Convention Center



# Job & Internship Fair

More than 100 employers recruiting ECU Pirates for internships and jobs!

View attending employers in [Handshake](#)  
[career.ecu.edu](#)

Feb. 15, 2023 • 1-4 p.m.  
Greenville Convention Center

 **ECU** CAREER SERVICES

## Job & Internship Fair

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

February 15, 2023  
Greenville Convention Center

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**  
**SPRING CAREER FAIRS**



**EDUCATION**  
**JOB FAIR**

**MARCH 15, 2023 • 9:30 A.M. – NOON**  
**GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER**

Professional business attire is required

For more information visit: [career.ecu.edu](http://career.ecu.edu)

View employers attending on *Handshake*



ADA Accommodation: 252-737-1018 • [ada-coordinator@ecu.edu](mailto:ada-coordinator@ecu.edu)

**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](mailto:career@ecu.edu).

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**JOB FAIR**

March 29 • 1-4 p.m. • MCSC Ballrooms



**ECU 2023 Summer Job Fair**

**March 29, 2022 1-4 PM**

**MCSC Ballrooms**

# 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!](#)



**ENGAGE**  
 Discover unique opportunities at ENGAGE! Find and attend events, ...  
[engage.ecu.edu](http://engage.ecu.edu)

*Click on any events below to go to the Engage event page!*



## Upcoming February Events Include:



**Therapeutic Thursday - Main Campus Student Center Well-Being Hub**

**Date and Time**  
 Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 12:00 PM EST to Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 2:00 PM EST  
[Add To Google Calendar | Call Us Now](#)

**Location**  
 WCC Well-Being Hub



**Heart Health Awareness Month Kick-Off: Groove is in the Heart**

**Date and Time**  
 Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 6:30 PM EST to Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 7:00 PM EST  
[Add To Google Calendar | Call Us Now](#)

**Location**  
 WCC Black Box Theater



**Healing Hearts-Grief Support Group**

**Date and Time**  
 Friday, February 3, 2023 at 5:00 PM EST to Friday, February 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM EST  
[Add To Google Calendar | Call Us Now](#)

**Location**  
 Online

**Online Location**



**Ronald McDonald House Activities**

**Date and Time**  
 Friday, February 3, 2023 at 5:45 PM EST to Friday, February 3, 2023 at 7:00 PM EST  
[Add To Google Calendar | Call Us Now](#)

**Location**  
 1000 E. 9th Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29615



**Study Abroad 101 - Information Session**

**Date and Time**  
 Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM EST to Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM EST  
[Add To Google Calendar | Call Us Now](#)

**Location**  
 International House  
 200 East 9th Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29615



**3rd Floor Galentines**

**Date and Time**  
 Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM EST to Monday, February 13, 2023 at 8:00 PM EST  
[Add To Google Calendar | Call Us Now](#)

**Location**  
 3rd Floor Study Room





# SPRING 2023 SCHEDULE: IMPORTANT DATES

## 15-Week Calendar

March 5 - 12, Sunday - Sunday	Spring Break -- Classes resume at 8:00 am Monday, March 13.
March 13 - 17, Monday - Friday	Advising for Summer Sessions and Fall Semester 2023
March 23, Thursday	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.
March 24, Friday	Early registration for special populations begins at 1:00 pm.
March 27, Monday	Registration for Summer Sessions and Fall Semester 2023 begins.
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

## Alternate Block

February 6, Monday	Last day for undergraduate and graduate students to withdraw from Block 1 courses by 5:00 p.m.
February 16, Thursday	Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI) becomes available
February 23, Thursday	Classes end.
March 1, Wednesday	Grades due at 8:00 am
	<b>BLOCK 2</b>
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.

### 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.

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.