

Pirate Pearls

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Light the Way...Research & Creative Achievement Week Submission Portal Opened January 10!

Each year, hundreds of ECU students, both graduate and undergraduate, present their creative works and research studies to the university community. It is a thrilling week of innovation, excitement and discovery where the ECU community gets to witness first-hand all that our students have to offer! Be a part of this great event by submitting your research or creative achievement to RCAW 2017! The proposal submission is online at <https://blog.ecu.edu/sites/rcaw/> and abstracts will be accepted from January 10 to February 3. Speak to your mentor now to discuss what you will submit! Start sharing your work with others and show the ECU community all that you have to give! The website also has information about formatting requirements for posters, schedules, and archives of past events. If you have any questions, you can email researchweek@ecu.edu or speak to your program director TODAY!



Funding & Finances

Apply Now for Scholarship Opportunities!!

ECU has many scholarships available to students—including graduate students! Online applications are being accepted now for many awards. To get started, visit ECUAward at <http://ecu.academicworks.com>. Sign in with your Pirate ID and password. You first must complete a general application. You can find instructions here: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/universitiescholarships/upload/AW-application-directions.pdf>. There is also a quick via on the application process located here: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/universitiescholarships/ECUAWard-Instructional-Materials.cfm>. The general application will ask you questions about your involvement in campus and community service activities, your future educational plans, career goals, etc. Your permanent mailing address, major, GPA, hours completed, etc. will be imported from Banner, so you will not be required to enter that information.

Once you have completed the general scholarship application, including your electronic signature, you may be prompted to “Start Applying” and shown a list of recommended opportunities that require further review to determine your eligibility. Please take your time and look through this list and, if interested, “apply”. All applicants who submit a completed application will be notified of their application status via their ECU email account in the spring semester.

If you have a parent or grandparent who is a current or retired ECU faculty member, please look for the Retired Faculty Fellowship for Graduate Students once you complete the general application! You need to apply specifically to that one, if qualified.

Financial Literacy Resources for Grad Students

The Office of Financial Aid has resources for students to learn more about Financial Literacy! Make sure you review this [website](#) to learn all that you can about how to fund your graduate school endeavors!

<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/financial/literacy.cfm>

In Your Words....

Helpful Information from Grad Students TO Grad Students

Campus Recreation & Wellness Activities are for Graduate Students!

By Leslie Oman - Campus Recreation and Wellness Grad Assistant, MS in Kinesiology student

Graduate students are able to take advantage of the same program offerings that undergraduate Pirates can through Campus Recreation and Wellness (CRW). Too often graduate students do not utilize recreation services after graduating or do not visit campus at all, therefore, I set out to not be another invisible graduate student when I became a Pirate. Coming to ECU from a different undergraduate University, CRW has provided me with an outlet to build new relationships and create friendships through its programming. Being a part of the women's club volleyball team makes me feel like I am a part of the college community and keeps me connected to students like myself. My participation in Intramural sports allows me to consistently meet new people, keeps me active, and provides a break from the Graduate school grind. CRW is a place I look forward to visiting on campus, can always count on to alleviate graduate school stress, and receive a smile or wave from a new friend.



Spring 2017 Highlights

Plan your career today!

Summer Jobs and Internship Fair

February 9, 2017
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
ECU Student Rec. Center

College of Engineering and Technology Networking Event

February 9, 2017
11:30AM-4:00 PM
Harvey Hall in the Murphy Center at ECU

Education Career Fair

March 1, 2017
8:00 AM-10:00 AM
Greenville Convention Center
[Click here](#) to view employers attending

Spring Career Fair

March 1, 2017
1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Greenville Convention Center
[Click here](#) to view employers attending

Beyond your Degree in the Arts and Sciences

February 23, 2017
4:00PM – 9:00PM
MSC

Arts and Sciences Career Development Series

Every Wednesday Starting January 18th
5:00PM to 6:00PM
Bate I003



Important Links

[Academic
Calendar](#)

[ITCS Help Desk](#)

[Pirate Techs](#)

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Graduate Research Series

The Graduate Research Series provides graduate students with an outline of the skills essential to succeeding in their research, public speaking, and academic writing. Please join us for these informative sessions!

RefWorks

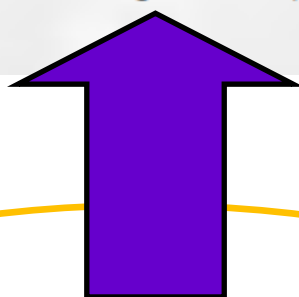
Tuesday, January 17th	4-5pm	Joyner 1418
Wednesday, January 18st	4-5pm	Laupus 2502G

Discover how RefWorks can help you easily import and manage citations from most of ECU's online databases, collaborate and share information with others, and automatically generate bibliographies in MLA, APA, Chicago, and hundreds of other citation styles.

Scholarly Writing at the Graduate Level

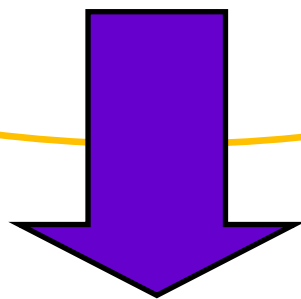
Tuesday, January 24th	4-5pm	Joyner 1418
Wednesday, January 25th	4-5pm	Laupus 2502G

Led by the University Writing Center, this session will focus on what first semester graduate students need to know about the general expectations of writing at the graduate level. In particular, we will explore strategies for synthesizing research, thinking critically, and writing professionally. Participants will leave the workshop with resources to help them cite research properly, avoid plagiarism, and work through various parts of the writing process.



Our popular Graduate Research Series is back for Spring 2017 with more sessions to help you become a stronger researcher, public speaker, and user of research technology!

Sessions occur in Joyner Library and Laupus Library to increase accessibility for more graduate students! Make plans with a friend to attend one or all of these sessions!



Advanced Research

Tuesday, January 31st

4-5pm

Joyner 1418

Wednesday, February 1st

4-5pm

Laupus 2502G

Discover new discipline-specific resources and learn the advanced database search techniques essential to conducting a thorough review of the literature in your field.

Present Your Research So That Your Audience Wants to Listen!

Tuesday, February 7th

4-5pm

Joyner 1020

Wednesday, February 8th

4-5pm

Laupus 2502G

Learn the tips that will help you become an effective and engaging public speaker. If you are afraid to speak in public, aren't sure how to organize your thoughts, and don't know how to engage your audience, this is the session for you!. You CAN become a confident and competent public speaker.

Scholarly Communication

Tuesday, February 14th

4-5pm

Joyner 1418

Wednesday, February 15th

4-5pm

Laupus 2502G

This session will introduce students to topics related to publishing their dissertation or thesis such as copyright and funder mandates. Additionally, this session will cover locating and evaluating publishing opportunities.

Graduate Student Professional Development Series

Sponsored by:

East Carolina University
CAREER SERVICES

www.ecu.edu/career/

East Carolina University
Graduate School

www.ecu.edu/gradschool

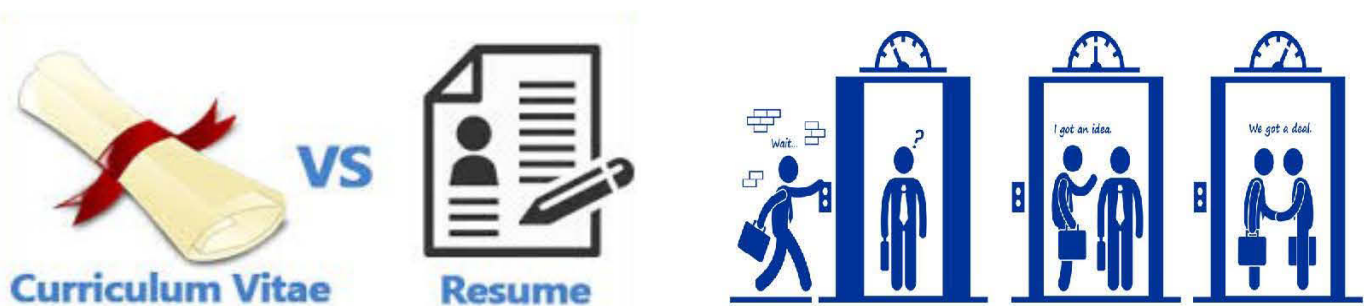
SPRING 2017 EVENTS

Curriculum Vita (CV) or Resume? Which is right for you?

February 7 @ 4:30PM | The Career Center - Conference Room

Do you know what makes a CV different from a resume? Here's your chance to:

- Identify the difference between a resume and a CV
- Evaluate sample resumes and CVs
- Gain tips on seeking academic and non-academic positions
- Discover career development resources



Power Pitch

February 14 @ 4:30PM | The Career Center - Conference Room

Do you have a power pitch? Here's your chance to learn how to

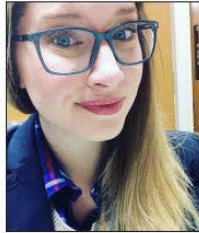
- Acquire knowledge on how to use your power pitch for interviews, funding, post-doc positions and more!
- Understand the importance of making a strong impression
- Practice your power pitch
- Discover career development resources

Any questions? Contact Sarah Lage at lages@ecu.edu
ECU Career Services - Career Counselor

Academic Resources

Embodied Identities

Ethical Reading, Fat Fashion, and How Not to Be a Troll

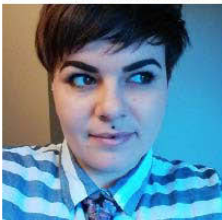


Dr. Katie Manthey of Salem College is the 2017 Department of English Tag Lecturer



Dr. Katie Manthey

6 p.m. Wed., Jan. 25
Faulkner Gallery
Joyner Library



This talk offers the idea of ethical reading as a way to delink from writing meaning onto other bodies, with the potential to undo our own internalized body oppression. Using fat fashion as an entry point, the speaker will share her own stories about how she learned to un-become a troll through embodied rhetorical analysis. The talk will end with suggestions for how to recognize oppressive notions of “acceptable” bodies and ultimately make space for multiple embodied orientations.

For accommodations contact the Office of the ADA Coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the event. Every effort will be made to provide reasonable accommodation. Phone: (252) 737-1016, TTY: (252) 737-1016; Email: dssdept@ecu.edu.



INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY IN WASHINGTON DC!

The National Council of Entrepreneurial Tech Transfer (NCET2) has developed, along with some Congressional staffers, a new University/College Entrepreneur Congressional Intern Program to start in the Summer of 2017. This eight-week program places exceptional university and college students in Senate and House offices to work on issues dealing with entrepreneurship and startups. The Program also includes meetings with senior federal administration officials, serial entrepreneurs, startups, venture capitalists, angel investors, and corporate venture groups to increase the student's professional network during the internship and after, when they return to campus to share their experiences and networks with students, researchers, faculty and alumni. In the long term, it is expected that these students will provide entrepreneurship leadership in public service, academia, and the private sector throughout their careers.

More information about the program can be found at <http://ncet2.org/interns>. **The deadline to apply is January 30, 2017**

Awards, Events & Information

Distinguished Faculty Mentor Awards

Does your mentor deserve recognition for the outstanding support you are receiving? A Distinguished Faculty Mentor Award may be the way to do it!

Nominations are now being accepted for the Distinguished Faculty Mentor Award and more information is available on the [Faculty and Staff tab on the Graduate School website](#). There you can read about the award and then access the [direct link to nominate](#) a graduate faculty mentor for this award! [This announcement](#) has all the details as well! Nominations are being accepted until Feb 6.



Looking ahead...

For those of you that are planners and need to know what is coming, here are some dates and websites for later in Spring you may need!

- Graduating in Spring 2017? [Details are HERE!](#)
- Submitting a thesis or dissertation for a Spring 2017 graduation? [Details are HERE!](#)
- Registering in Summer or Fall 2017? [Dates for early registration are HERE!](#)



Student Life Resources

Eating on Campus Just Got Easier!

ECU Dining understands the varied schedule of today's graduate student. Our graduate student meal plan options offer flexible, affordable, and well balanced, quality options that allow students to focus more fully on their academic pursuits and personal achievements. As a graduate student, there are several meal plan options to accommodate your appetite and budget.

Our Gold Plans come equipped with both Pirate Meals and Gold Bucks. Pirate Meals allow for flexibility in dining options by including popular combo meal options at retail venues such as Panda Express, Subway, Chick-fil-a, Chili's and Burger Studio. These meals are best utilized when looking for a filling, affordable meal option that will save you \$3-\$4 from the cash price. Gold Bucks can be used at any ECU Dining location, and even at Concessions stands for football and men's basketball. Retail outlets popular for Gold Bucks on campus are our three Starbucks sites for coffee and espresso beverages, as well as Pirate Market and all convenience store options with freshly prepared grab-n-go items and sushi. Gold Plan meals may also be used at either Todd or West End Dining Hall where non-stop service throughout the day is offered. Features at each dining hall include: Fried Chicken Wednesday, made-from-scratch entrees, made-to-order deli, stir fry and pasta stations, international cuisine, vegetarian and vegan options, expansive salad bar with yogurts and seasonal fruits, allergen friendly offerings, hand rolled pizza, and fresh baked desserts.

Gold Bucks by themselves can be added on at any point online via the campus dining site, by phone, or in person in \$20 increments with no limit. Gold Bucks continue to roll over from semester to semester.

A Faculty & Staff Season Pass is also available to graduate students. This option includes meals redeemable at Todd and West End Dining Halls, as well as the Pirate Meal options at The Wedge on the Health Sciences Campus.

As a part of ECU Dining, guests can speak with a Campus Dining Registered Dietitian & Nutritionist, enjoy menus prepared by our Executive Chef, experience new restaurants (Olilo as partnered with Iron Chef Cat Cora coming in the Spring!), and participate in all special programming provided by dining services such as Fresh Food Friday and monthly nutrition meal highlights.

ECU Dining's meal plan options to fit your needs include: Gold 120 - 120 Pirate Meals + \$215 Gold Bucks (\$995+tax/semester) | Gold 80 - 80 Pirate Meals + \$270 Gold Bucks (\$810+tax/semester) | Gold 40 - 40 Pirate Meals + \$330 Gold Bucks (\$630+tax/semester) | Faculty/Staff Season Pass - 20 meals (\$100+tax per reload) | Add on Gold Bucks - Limitless Options for \$20 or more! To add on to your plan or for more information, please contact us at 252-328-3663 or at dining@ecu.edu