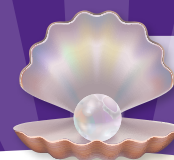


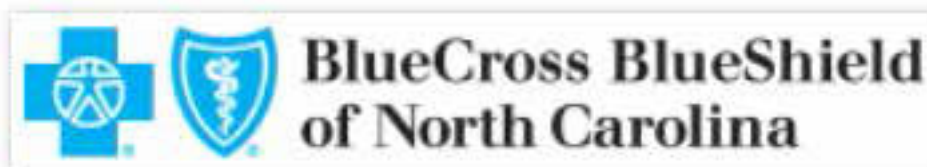
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THE GRADUATE STUDENT
NEWSLETTER



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URGENT REMINDER! PLEASE READ! Change to Eligibility Requirements for Student Health Insurance for Graduate Students



Many universities across the United States require health insurance as a condition of enrollment. In 2009, the UNC Board of Governors approved the implementation of a “hard waiver” SHIP for all the UNC campuses. The term “hard waiver” means any students meeting specific criteria is required to show evidence of an existing “creditable coverage” or enroll in the UNC System-Wide Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP). ECU therefore has a mandatory health insurance requirement for campus-based students.

To give many students an option for purchase, ECU offers a [SHIP](#) to all campus-based students, including graduate students. The eligibility criteria for purchasing this insurance has changed, effective Fall 2018. Graduate students who are enrolled in a minimum of 3 credit hours of campus based classes will be eligible to purchase the SHIP through ECU. Previously, the requirement was a minimum of 6 credits of campus based classes; more students will now be eligible to purchase this policy due to the change.

However, this also means more students will need to participate in the “waive out” program if they do not wish to purchase the SHIP. All graduate students should review the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) website for [Student Health Services](#). Once there, graduate students can click on “Insurance” and a drop-down block will show several questions with thorough answers regarding purchasing the SHIP, waiving out, and where to go for more information.

Any graduate student enrolled in 3 credits of campus based courses in Fall 2018 and all subsequent semesters, will need to show evidence of health insurance or “waive out.” If the student does not have insurance, then the SHIP can be purchased through the student account. This charge is added to all eligible student accounts until the “waive out” process is completed. The deadline for waiving out is September 11 for the Fall semester and January 31 for the Spring semester. If a graduate student has any questions about the [mandatory health insurance requirement](#) or their individual situation relative to the requirement, the Insurance Administrator’s office can be contacted at 252-328-6841, option 5.

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Trainings Available

[New Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation](#) is on July 30th and [registration](#) is open! If you are going to be a new teaching assistant in Fall 2018 or Fall 2019, this workshop is for you! This is a date change from the original announcement. The Graduate School apologizes for any inconvenience. The next date is [December 13](#).





IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

JULY
13 Last day to withdraw from term-length courses or withdraw from school without grades by 5:00 PM.
[Academic Calendar](#)

JULY
13 Last Day to submit a thesis or dissertation for summer graduation (using [VIREO](#))

AUG
16 Student Services Resource Fair
1:00 - 2:30 PM
Student Recreation Center - [ALL INVITED!](#)

AUG
20 Classes Begin. Make final schedule changes.
[Academic Calendar](#)

AUG
24 Last day of course adjustment period. No schedule changes (adds or drops) after today (5:00 pm deadline)
[Academic Calendar](#)

SEPT
3 State Holiday - no classes
[Academic Calendar](#)

OCT
6-9 Fall Break
[Academic Calendar](#)

OCT
29 Last day to withdraw from term-length courses or withdraw from school without grades by 5:00 PM.
[Academic Calendar](#)

NOV
2 Early Registration for Spring 2018 begins. Be registered for Spring 2018 by Nov 15 for the easiest transition into Spring! [Academic Calendar](#)

NOV
21-25 Thanksgiving Break
[Academic Calendar](#)

NOV
28 Last day to upload a thesis or dissertation into [VIREO](#) for Fall 2018 graduation.
[Processing Calendar](#)

DEC
3 Last day for faculty to remove incompletes for graduate courses from Fall 2017. [Academic Calendar](#)

DEC
5-12 Final Exams
[Academic Calendar](#)

DEC
14 Commencement
[Academic Calendar](#)
[Commencement Information](#)

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



EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOOKING FOR CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT?

Student Employment Office

How To Search For
Positions

Visit the [Student
Employment Office
page](#) Click on the
graphic: To View
Current Student
Positions Click Here!

You will be brought
to this page: [Search
Postings](#)

Under position type,
highlight STUDENT

Click SEARCH to see all
that is available

Typically, graduate
students are eligible for
self-help positions and
assistantships.

Students may not work
more than 25 hours
per week for campus
employers

If you will hold an assistantship
during the 2018-2019 school year,
please read carefully!

ASSISTANTSHIP REQUIREMENT

Were you awarded an assistantship?

Congratulations on accepting a graduate assistantship! Here is a quick explanation to help make your hiring process smoother. It is required for you to sign an I-9 form if you are employed on campus. Your ECU email will be the method we use to communicate with you if we need you to complete an I-9. You will only receive an email invitation to complete an I-9 if an I-9 is required of you. Continue to check your email notifications. If you receive an invitation to complete an I-9, you will need to present documentation to verify your identity. For example, you can present an un-expired passport or a combination of your student ID and your social security card. A complete list of acceptable documents will be attached to the email invitation to complete an I-9. Please note we cannot accept copies of documents. We must see the original documents. If you have questions about your I-9 you can contact the student employment office I-9 coordinator at 252-328-6873.

Human Resources will have a table at the Student Services Resource Fair on August 16 - see last page of this newsletter!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

HANDSHAKE LAUNCH PARTY! YOU ARE INVITED!! FREE STUFF!

Handshake is the new career database system and it has gone LIVE! This new system immediately increases the percentage of job postings accessible to ECU students and alumni over 450%. Your access remains after graduation!

Come Join ECU Career Services at the *Handshake Launch Party* on **Aug 28-30 @ 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM** in front of Dowdy Student Stores on East Campus near The Wright Place. At this event, free t-shirts will be provided to any students who stop by & sign up for a demonstration of Handshake.

To login, visit www.ecu.edu/career and click the student login link.



ECU SPEECH COMMUNICATION CENTER: READY TO HELP YOU!

Looking for help with presentation skills? Want your classroom teaching to be top notch? Wish your research presentations were more effective? Make an appointment today!

All Services are FREE!

Joyner East Building, Room 205
252-328-2790

www.ecu.edu/comm/center

Check out their table at the Student Services Resource Fair August 16 - See last page!

please
RSVP
for
this
social
event

A poster for a 'WELCOME & SOCIAL' event. The top half shows a group of diverse people sitting on a bench outdoors, some wearing rainbow-themed clothing. Below the photo is a purple banner with the text 'WELCOME & SOCIAL' in large white letters, and 'FALL 2018' in yellow. Underneath, it says 'THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, AT 6:00 PM' and 'THE GREAT ROOMS IN MENDENHALL STUDENT CENTER'. The ECU logo and 'LGBT RESOURCE OFFICE' are in the bottom right corner. A rainbow flag is also visible on the right side of the banner.

WELCOME & SOCIAL
FALL 2018
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, AT 6:00 PM
THE GREAT ROOMS IN MENDENHALL STUDENT CENTER
ECU
LGBT RESOURCE OFFICE



RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Post-Doc Recruiting Event

The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Office of Postdoctoral Research is pleased to announce the 2018 Autumn Postdoctoral Recruitment Event! This event will be held October 22-24, in collaboration with the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital and the Pelotonia Fellowship Program.

This event will provide an excellent opportunity for outstanding PhD students from leading graduate programs to meet open postdoctoral positions, and discover the exciting and innovative research taking place at The Ohio State University and the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Selected candidates will be invited to visit the Ohio State campus, network with current OSU and NCH postdocs, present their research to faculty in a podium presentation, interview with prospective mentors, and learn more about postdoctoral opportunities at Ohio State and Nationwide Children's Hospital. Candidates selected to attend this event may be considered for a variety of opportunities at Ohio State, including fellowships, training grants, and other internal training programs. Full funding will be provided for travel expenses.

Application for this event is open to senior graduate students who have completed or expect to complete their PhD between January 2018 and June 2019. Preference will be given to US Citizens and permanent residents who are training grant-eligible AND who come from underrepresented backgrounds including African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders, or persons with a disability.

Please visit go.osu.edu/2018postdocrecruit for application instructions, the schedule of events, and all other details. All applications must be submitted by August 31st 2018.

Our event flyer can be found here: go.osu.edu/2018autumnflyer.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact the Office of Postdoctoral Research at postdoc.office@osumc.edu.

Need Help
Getting Your
IRB proposal
completed
correctly?

[ePirate Help](#)

Student Health Service Information

[Medical Clinic](#)
[Student Health Insurance Plan
\(SHIP\)](#)
[Pharmacy](#)
["Waive Out of Insurance"](#)

[Student Health Services](#)
Check out their table
at the Student Services
Resource Fair August
16 - See last page!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN TEACHING

The Teaching Professor & The Online Classroom - FREE RESOURCES FOR YOU!

Edited by respected scholar & expert, Dr. Maryellen Weimer, The Teaching Professor is a forum for discussion on the best strategies supported by the latest research for effective teaching in the college classroom. If you are a graduate teaching assistant or plan a career path that will lead you towards teaching, then you will want to explore this FREE resource available to graduate students! Graduate students are welcome to enjoy the group subscription access for The Teaching Professor! You will also get to review The Online Classroom which brings advice and inspiration to educators teaching in distance education & online modalities. Start your subscription today!

STEP 1: Activate your group subscription access.

1. Go to www.magnapubs.com/sitelicense/

[registration.html?v=magna634](http://www.magnapubs.com/registration.html?v=magna634)

2. Enter information in the required fields. In the Authorization Code box, enter the group authorization code ECU224 and click submit. Entering this code is done only once. This must be done with an ECU email address.

Step 2: Access the group subscription

1. Go to www.magnapubs.com/profile

2. Enter your email address & password & submit. If you do not know or remember it, use the "forgot your password" link.

3. On the left side of the screen, under MY ACCOUNT, MY ONLINE ACCESS, select SUBSCRIPTIONS. The online content that you have access to will be listed on the right. Click on the appropriate link to view the content.

Need help?

1-800-433-0499 ext 2

Email: support@magnapubs.com

New Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation

If you will be teaching online or face-to-face in 2018-2019, join us at New Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation to learn helpful information for getting started as an instructor at ECU! Workshops are 8:30 - approximately 3:00 PM and are offered each semester. Register for one today!

[Monday, July 30 Registration](#)

[Thursday Dec 13 Registration](#)



FINANCIAL RESOURCES & MORE!

ProFellow Website - Helpful Tool for Searching Fellowships

The ProFellow website is a comprehensive tool for helping graduate students search fellowship opportunities. This website walks you through questions like "What is a fellowship?" and provides articles that help graduate students search, apply for, and earn fellowship funding! There is a voluntary email mailing list as well as updates on [calls for applications](#), [fellowship deadlines](#), and information on [searching fellowship databases](#). Spend a few moments getting to know the website and sign up for their mailing list! Funding information will come straight to your Inbox!

<https://www.profellow.com/>

ECU CLUB SPORTS HAS OPTIONS!

If you are looking for activity to help you relieve some stress, try club sports! ECU has great clubs and there's room for you!

[CLUB SPORTS](#)

ECU SPC

RENEW TODAY

PLEASE DISREGARD IF YOU ARE ALREADY A 2018 SPC MEMBER

THE 2018 FOOTBALL SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER! IT BEGINS WITH THE 10,000 LOYAL SPC STUDENTS IN THE BONEYARD. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE YOUR SEAT!

RENEW YOUR STUDENT PIRATE CLUB MEMBERSHIP TODAY AT STUDENTPIRATECLUB.COM OR CALL 252-737-4540.

CLICK HERE TO RENEW

\$60 RENEW TODAY

**NON-REFUNDABLE*

*TO RECEIVE BENEFITS, YOU MUST BE A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE UNIVERSITY AND PAY THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

RENEWAL DEADLINE
FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- » OFFICIAL SPC T-SHIRT
- » SECURE YOUR FOOTBALL GAME TICKET IN THE BONEYARD STUDENT SECTION
- » PRIORITY TO PURCHASE LIMITED AVAILABLE SPC FOOTBALL PARKING (BOTTOM OF COLLEGE HILL)
- » PRIORITY TO PURCHASE GUEST FOOTBALL SEASON TICKETS (EITHER IN THE BONEYARD OR SECTION 1)
- » INVITATIONS TO SPC EVENTS
- » PRIORITY TO PURCHASE GUEST SINGLE-GAME FOOTBALL TICKETS PRIOR TO GENERAL STUDENT POPULATION
- » PRIORITY FOR TICKETS IN THE LOWER BOWL AT MEN'S BASKETBALL GAMES
- » ELIGIBLE FOR RESERVED BASEBALL PARKING
- » ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR OTHER SPORTS

[@ECUSPC](#) [/STUDENTPIRATECLUB](#)

RENEWAL DEADLINE FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018

NEW FUNDING MAILING LIST FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

GRADFUNDING-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU

Many students are seeking assistantships, fellowships, or other funding opportunities and would like a mailing list specific to this person. Therefore, we have created gradfunding-l@listserv.ecu.edu. This GradFunding mailing list is an “opt in” list - meaning, you have to sign up for it yourself but also you can take yourself off it at any time. We will post assistantships, scholarships, fellowships, and other funding opportunities through this funding mailing list only. You will no longer receive these types of announcements on the Graduate Student listerv, which is the official listing of all graduate students and you cannot opt-out of that one.

To Subscribe to the GRADFUNDING-L:

1. Address an email to: listserv@listserv.ecu.edu.
2. No subject or signature file.
3. Type the message: SUBSCRIBE GRADFUNDING-L Firstname Lastname.
4. Replace Firstname and Lastname with your name.
5. Send the email.

To review other commands that are possible with ECU Listservs, check out the [Listserv Commands website](#). This is a moderated list, so posts will not appear automatically until they are reviewed by the Graduate School.

WHO ARE WE?

The Office of Student Development, housed within the Department of Athletics and governed by academic affairs, is committed to elevating the academic experiences of East Carolina's student-athletes.



POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

- Tutor
- Mentor
- Study Hall Leader

**Applicants must be at least a Sophomore, possess a 3.0 GPA, and have 2 academic references. Study hall leader positions open to graduate students only.*



Pay Rate:

- Undergrad-\$10/hr
- Grad-\$14/hr



EAST CAROLINA

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO STAY INVOLVED AT ECU? JOIN THE ACADEMIC SUPPORT STAFF TODAY!

To apply contact Jennifer Bonner:
bonnerj@ecu.edu



EAST CAROLINA

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT



Student Services Resource Fair

August 16, 2018 ✦ 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Student Recreation Center, Main Campus

FREE! to all students, faculty and staff

- ✦ **30+** programs, departments and organizations represented
- ✦ Learn more about the many student services available at ECU



Sponsors
**GRADUATE SCHOOL
CAMPUS RECREATION AND WELLNESS**

Individuals requesting accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should call 252-737-1016 (voice/TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the event.

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