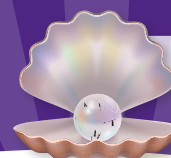


Pirate Pearls

THE GRADUATE STUDENT
NEWSLETTER



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Early Registration for Summer and Fall Semesters Begins March 27

Please schedule your advising meetings, phone calls, or web chats now with your advisors & graduate program directors

Each March, graduate students can use the early registration period for all 3 summer sessions (5 week - Summer 1, Summer 2, or 11-week) and Fall semester. We urge all graduate students to register for all their summer and fall courses by April 15th. Students on probationary status will have to wait until grades are submitted in May to complete early registration, however.

Now is the time to start planning your summer calendar & finances and also look ahead to fall, as well. If you are going to need financial aid, make sure you have filed all the appropriate paperwork or online processes with the Office of Financial Aid. If you are using a faculty/staff tuition waiver, make sure to find out the deadlines and adhere to them strictly. Early registration is designed to help current students get these important tasks completed early, so use the time to your benefit.

All students should be using Banner Self Service to register and your graduate programs should not be doing this for you. If you have registration errors - such as for pre-requisite issues or courses outside your program, please speak with the department that is offering the course. Only that department can override those types of errors to schedule you in those courses. There are great helpful documents on the [Registrar's](#) website so please start checking it out now!

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Thesis Or Dissertation Upload Deadline

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!

[Spring 2020 - April 23](#)
[Summer 2020 - July 17](#)
[Fall 2020 - December 2](#)

**14th Annual
Research & Creative
Achievement Week**

March 30 - April 3
New Main Student Center

[f @ECUGradSchool](#) [t #RCAW20](#) [u ecu.edu/grad](#)

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS DUE
January 6 - February 6**





PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Spring 2020 Career Fairs

Education Job Fair

March 18, 2020
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Greenville Convention Center

Summer Job Fair

April 9, 2020
1:00 - 4:00 PM
Main Campus Student Center

Go to [Career Services' website](#) and click on [Events](#) to find out more about each Fair.

There's an App for that!!
Download the The Fairs App to view all upcoming ECU Job Fairs and employers who are attending!



Graduate Student Moderators Needed for Research & Creative Achievement Week!

Help us maintain the high quality of student-oriented scholarship at ECU! Moderators are needed for oral presentation sessions on March 30 and April 1. Each moderator will run one slide session by loading presentations onto a computer, introducing speakers, and directing the question portion of presentations. Graduate student help is always key to a great event! Each volunteer will attend a single, 30 minute training session prior to the meeting which will fully inform the volunteers. Training sessions are scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Mon, March 23 and Tues, March 24 in room 332, Ward Sports Medicine Building.

This is a great activity to add to your CV or resume!

All interested students should please email Dr. DeVita at devitap@ecu.edu to volunteer as an RCAW moderator and please include which training session they will attend.

Graduate Student Judges Needed for RCAW!

Once again, we have received a record number of presentations for Research & Creative Achievement Week ([RCAW](#)) 2020. This speaks to the high quality of work across our community at ECU!

Graduate student judges are an important aspect of [RCAW](#) each year. If you would like to volunteer as a judge this year, please sign-up [here](#) by February 28th. We thank those of you who have previously served as judges and would be excited to have you back as judges again this year. Faculty, staff and graduate students from all academic backgrounds are encouraged to volunteer.

Undergraduate presentations are scheduled for Wednesday April 1st and those are the presentations that graduate students will be asked to judge. (Graduate students' presentations are on March 30).

Serving as a judge is a great way to give back to fellow student researchers & enhances your CV or resume!



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

MARCH
8-15

Spring Break
[Academic Calendar](#)

APRIL
28

State Holiday Make-Up day. Classes which would have met on Friday April 19 will meet on this day instead.
[Academic Calendar](#)

MARCH
25

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

APRIL
28

Classes end. Last day for faculty to remove incompletes from Spring 2019.
[Academic Calendar](#)

MARCH
27

Early Registration for Summer and Fall 2020 semesters begins at 1:00 PM. Grad students can register at 1:00 PM.
[Academic Calendar](#)

MAY
8

Commencement
[Academic Calendar](#)
[Commencement Information](#)
If you are graduating, [apply for graduation NOW!](#)

MAR-APRIL
30-3

March 30 - April 3 - Research & Creative Achievement Week Events! Make plans to attend some! [RCAW website](#)

MAY
13-15

Thesis-Dissertation Boot Camp @ Joyner Library 8:30 AM
[Register for Boot Camp](#)

APRIL
15

Make this your personal deadline to be registered for Summer & Fall semesters

MAY
15

Registration for Summer classes should be finalized by today
[Academic Calendar](#)

APRIL
10-11

State Holiday (no classes)
[Academic Calendar](#)

MAY
18

First Day of Classes for Summer Session 1 and the 11-week Summer Session
[Academic Calendar](#)

APRIL
23

Last day to submit a thesis or dissertation for Spring 2020 graduation
[Vireo Portal](#)
[Processing Calendar](#)

MAY
19

Last Day to make schedule changes for Summer Session 1 courses and 11-week Summer Session courses.
[Academic Calendar](#)

This newsletter page is not an official calendar. Always consult the official academic calendar for approved deadlines.

Current Academic Calendars are always available at <https://faculty senate.ecu.edu/academic-calendars/>



EMPLOYMENT & FUNDING

LOOKING FOR CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT?

Student Employment Office

How To Search For
Positions

Visit the [Student
Employment Office
page](#)

Scroll to see the different
types of positions
available.

Click on [Apply for Jobs](#)
in the left margin.

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

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

Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) Scholar Award for Women in Doctoral Programs Available!

P.E.O. Scholar Awards are a one-time, competitive, merit-based awards for women of the United States & Canada who are pursuing a doctoral-level degree at an accredited college or university. In addition to recognizing and encouraging excellence in higher education, these awards provide partial support for study and research for women who will make significant contributions in their varied fields of endeavor. Priority is given to women who are well established in their programs, study, or research. For more info: <https://www.peointernational.org/about-peo-scholar-awards>

More funding information is available in the SPIN database
sponsored by ECU Libraries

<https://spin.infoedglobal.com/Home/SOLRSearch>

Graduate Assistantships & More Available on GradFunding Mailing List!

The Grad Funding listserv (mailing list) was created specifically for ECU graduate students who are seeking assistantships, scholarships, grants, or other type of graduate education or research funding. Faculty and staff are also welcome to join the listerv to become more aware of what is available for graduate students so information can be disseminated to newly admitted students, as well. Please encourage all your classmates and coworkers to sign up! You can unsubscribe at any time. It's an opt-in/opt-out mailing list! Please tell your friends!

1. Address an email to listserv@listserv.ecu.edu
2. Do not put a subject or signature block/file.
3. Type the message: SUBSCRIBE GRADFUNDING-L firstname lastname
4. Replace "firstname" and "lastname" with your own first and last name.
5. Send the email

Additional listserv functions can be found [here](#).



RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

Statistics and Research Workshops Offered by the Office For Faculty Excellence

Register at <https://ofe.ecu.edu/office-for-faculty-excellence/ofe-sessions/>

3/4 Wednesday	Walk-in consulting in Laupus Library (West Campus)	1:00-5:00pm	4512Laupus Library	Dr. Hui Bian
3/5 Thursday	Mediation and moderation	12:00-2:00pm	1008 Joyner Library	Dr. Hui Bian
3/19 Thursday	SAS introduction	2:00-4:00pm	1008 Joyner Library	Dr. Hui Bian
3/24 Tuesday	NVivo introduction	2:00-4:00pm	1008 Joyner Library	Dr. Hui Bian
3/26 Thursday	Walk-in consulting in Laupus Library (West Campus)	8:00-11:00am	4512 Laupus Library	Dr. Hui Bian
3/26 Thursday	Single Case Research Designs	2:00-4:00pm	1008 Joyner Library	Dr. Bethany McKissick
4/1 Wednesday	"Photovoice, Digital Story Telling, and the use of Photography: Theoretical Foundation, Best Practices and Ethical Considerations in Research"	12:00-1:30pm	1008 Joyner Library	Dr. Lauren Sastre
4/2 Thursday	Logistic regression	2:00-4:00pm	1008 Joyner Library	Dr. Hui Bian

Note: Research/statistics consulting on main campus is available at regular hours (8am-5pm, M-F). All workshops and consultations are open to graduate students.

Are you using Handshake?

Career Services has provided HANDSHAKE to the campus community! Join today and you will have access to career fairs, employment opportunities, and will be able to see assistantship advertisements too!

<http://www.ecu.edu/career/>

Feeling Stressed?

The Center for Counseling and Student Development is available for all students who feel like they need someone to talk to about stress, anxiety, or any other issue that is preventing you from doing your best. If you believe you need some help, please contact them today!

<http://www.ecu.edu/counselingcenter/>



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Calling All Photographers!

Are you a graduate student who takes photographs or makes beautiful images in your science research?

If yes, then enter your best image in the first ever research image competition at Research and Creative Achievement Week (RCAW): "Capturing the Art of Science"!

This event is being hosted by the LASER Technologies Application Group (LASER TAG) on Friday, April 3 beginning at 1PM in Main Campus Student Center Room 249.

To enter the competition, send your image and a brief description of the research (no more than 5 sentences) to Dr. Karen Litwa at litwak16@ecu.edu. One entry per person. All entries must be received

by Friday, March 20 at 5PM. You must be present to show your image and briefly describe your research. Undergraduate researchers will present from 1-2:30PM, and graduate student/post-doctoral researchers will present from 2:30-4PM.

Winning Submissions: Winning submissions will be displayed at A Time for Science. By entering the contest, you give us permission to display your research image at A Time for Science or other local venue. Audience choice awards, judges' awards, and overall award will be presented. All areas of scientific research are welcome. Please email litwak16@ecu.edu if you have any questions.

Share the beauty of science with the ECU and Greenville community!

[Click Here to learn more or Register!](#)

A promotional poster for 'Storm The Stadium 2020'. It features a woman in a white tank top and black leggings running up a set of stairs in a stadium. The text on the poster includes the event name 'STORM THE STADIUM 2020', the date and time 'March 7, 2020 • 8 a.m.', the location 'Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium™', and the purpose 'An event to support Student Veteran Services scholarships and programming'. It also includes the ECU Student Transitions logo and an ADA accommodation number: 252-737-1016 (voice/TTY).

**STORM
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ECU
STUDENT TRANSITIONS



GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

Events For Graduate Students - Sign Up at [Engage.ecu.edu](http://engage.ecu.edu)

GPSS on Social Media!

Follow your Graduate & Professional Student Senate (GPSS) through social media to stay up to date on all the happenings and events!

Facebook: gpssecu

Insta: ECU.GPSS

Twitter: GPSSECU

gpssecu@ecu.edu

Stop by the Health Science Campus Recreation Center to have your body composition measured for FREE by a certified CRW personal trainer.

Your trainer will perform a set of skinfold measurements to measure your body fat percentage, as well as take multiple circumference measurements. Meet us at the customer service desk in front of the rec center.

Registration NOT required.

March 2, April 6
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Find hundreds more events on campus by exploring Engage at <http://engage.ecu.edu>!

Graduate & Professional Student

TRIVIA NIGHT

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Check-in 6:45PM - Begins at 7PM

Uptown Brewing Company
418 Evans Street, Greenville NC

Gift Card Prizes For
The Top 3 Teams!

Teams may include non-student guests, however only ECU Graduate & Professional Students are eligible for prizes

ECU STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

GPSS
Graduate and Professional Student Senate

FREE Body Composition Testing

A white body composition scale with a blue measuring tape coiled on top, set against a purple background with a lightbulb icon.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

JOIN US FOR

New Teaching Assistant Orientation

All Grad Students are Welcome!
Learn more about teaching at ECU before you need to teach!

May 12
8:30 am - 3 pm

Main Campus Student Center Room 307

Registration is Required - Please Click This Flyer or This Link to Register

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Join GPSS for Family Movie Night!
FROZEN II
Friday March 20 at 7:00 PM
Hendrix Theater

RSVP in Engage:
engage.ecu.edu

Super Cheap, Super Awesome Shows!

Did you know that you can take advantage of below-market ticket prices on internationally touring performances at ECU? The Alexander Series, which presents a wide variety of attractions, offers \$10 tickets to fee-paying students (versus \$36 public). Purchase in advance in the Student Center Central Ticket Office or at the Health Sciences Student Center Helpdesk. Present your OneCard. Save big time. Limit two per show per student.

Georgia On My Mind: Celebrating the Music of Ray Charles
Featuring Take 6, Nnenna Freelon, Kirk Whalum and Clint Holmes
Friday, March 13, Wright Auditorium, 7:30 pm

Vitaly: An Evening of Wonders
He fooled Penn & Teller with one of his art-based tricks. From off-Broadway to ECU.
Saturday, April 4, Wright Auditorium, 7:30 pm

Learn more: <https://artscomm.ecu.edu/alexander-series/>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ARE YOU DOING A PRESENTATION FOR RCAW?

Do you want help with your presentation skills, poster, or slides?

If you are competing in RCAW this year, make plans to attend a workshop to help you become a more confident and effective presenter! The Graduate School is excited to partner with Pamela Hopkins of the Speech Communication Center and Leah Cordova of Joyner Library to offer you several opportunities to receive fundamental instruction, tips, critiques, and dedicated practice sessions for your oral or poster presentation! The previous year's workshops are listed below with links to watch the recording. As the event approaches, more details and links will be posted below. Be sure to check back to make sure you have the most up to date information. Mark your calendars and plan to attend one or more of these awesome resources.

All workshops are in Joyner Library Room 1418

Information Session - Poster or Oral Presentations

March 16, 10 AM

March 16, 3 PM

March 17, 2:00 PM

Practice Session - Poster or Oral Presentations

March 23 10 AM - 12:00 Noon

March 24 3 PM - 5:00 PM

Practice your talk in one of the rooms in which RCAW will be hosting the poster presentations in and receive feedback and tips on how to improve your presentation. Sign up [on this schedule](#).

Last Minute Oral and Poster Presentation

Practice Session: March 25, 2019 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Mendenhall Great Rooms- [Sign Up for this one on this schedule](#).

Also, review [this presentation guide](#) for help!

ComSci Con - An Opportunity to Improve Your Communication Skills with Other Academics and Scientists

Communicating Science is a workshop series **organized by graduate students, for graduate students**, focused on science communication skills. Their goal is to empower future leaders in technical communication to share the results from research in their field to broad and diverse audiences, not just practitioners in their fields.

ComSciCon provides a unique professional development experience to graduate students engaged in and committed to communicating research. Attendees interact with graduate student leaders in technical communication, from around the country, learn from professional communicators including journalists and educators, and produce original works of science communication for publication.

The overall goal is to sustain an annual flagship workshop series each summer for graduate students from around the US and Canada, and a series of chapter workshop programs for graduate students from specific communities throughout the year. Applications for the workshops are open to graduate students from all fields of science and engineering who are interested in learning how to effectively communicate their research to both scientific and non-scientific audiences.

Learn more about [ComSciCon on their website](#) and check out their workshops in Virginia in May and Boston in June!