

# Pirate Pearls

The Graduate Student Newsletter

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## **Counseling Professionals are here to help!**

Did you know that as an ECU graduate student, you have access to free, confidential counseling with a licensed professional?

The Center for Counseling and Student Development offers a wide range of services, including individual, group and crisis counseling; outreach programs and workshops; psychiatry and medication management; and consultations, case management and referrals.

Common reasons students seek counseling with our office include anxiety, depression, substance use concerns, relationship issues and general adjustment to college. We also encourage you to take a free, anonymous screening on our website, or download one of our recommended mental health apps from our Self Help page!

More information can be found at our website, [www.ecu.edu/counselingcenter](http://www.ecu.edu/counselingcenter), by calling our office at 252-328-6661, or stopping by our lobby at 137 Umstead Hall.

# Spring 2017 Highlights

## Website WOWs!

There are many resources on the ECU website that are there to answer your questions. You are encouraged to search the ECU website when you have a question because you are likely to find your answer quickly. Here are some gems that we found for you!

- [Spring 2017 Important Dates](#) from the Cashier's website (regarding eBill notifications, payment deadlines, schedule cancellation dates)
- [Explanation of Main Campus Tuition and Required Fees](#)
- [ECU Bike website](#)—information about bike rentals and more!
- [Degree Works](#)—program planning tool within Pirate Port!
- [Off-campus student services](#)—housing, programs & more!



## Impacted by Hurricane Matthew?

There are still university resources available to assist you with impacts from Hurricane Matthew. Please contact one of the offices that is a part of the [ECU Disaster Recovery Center](#). If you are unsure where to start, contact the Dean of Students office at 252-328-9297.

# Research Resources

## 3 Minute Thesis Winners Announced!

The Graduate School, the NC Biotechnology Center, and the Office of Technology Transfer are excited to announce the winners of the 2016 Three Minute Thesis competition for graduate students which was held on October 26.

### Grand Champion

Sophronia Knott, Department of English  
Mentor: Nicole Nolan Sidhu, PhD  
Presentation Title: A literary and narrative comparison of the journals of Sylvia Plath and Marya Hornbacher's *Wasted and Madness*

### People's Choice

Adam Stuckert, Department of Biology  
Mentor: Kyle Summers, PhD  
Presentation Title: Surviving to sex: A "shout" out to predators

### Departmental Cup

Department of Biology

Our Grand Champion has the opportunity to represent East Carolina University at the regional competition at the Council of Southern Graduate Schools annual meeting in February, 2017 in Annapolis, Maryland.

Thank you to all the students who participated and the faculty and departments that supported them in their research and their participation in the 3MT competition.

## Funding Database Searches on Video!

Jeanne Hoover, one of the research librarians at Joyner Library, has created several recordings to assist graduate students in learning how to search databases to find funding sources for dissertation and thesis research or for graduate school, in general. You will find each of these videos helpful now as a graduate student, and possibly in the future as well! These recordings are offered as a part of our new grant-writing workshop series that many of you have attended in person! Don't forget that all of our recordings of professional development workshops are available on the [Graduate School's Student Life](#) page.

**SPIN Funding Database:** <https://mediasite.ecu.edu/MS/Play/297e769da64442f88851e1cab502117f1d>

### Foundation Directory

**Database:** <https://mediasite.ecu.edu/MS/Play/a556647a60be49d9a1040a7432bdad291d>

**Fellowship Finder Database:** <https://mediasite.ecu.edu/MS/Play/8769d49af4314b32bbb4a42aec4a2f931d>

# Research Resources

## **Research & Creative Achievement Week is coming!**

We know that graduate students produce excellent research as well as creative productions, pieces, and events and we want to hear about it! Your opportunity to present your work to the ECU community is [Research & Creative Achievement Week \(RCAW\)](#). RCAW is April 3-7, 2017 and it is an entire week filled with the presentations of graduate (and undergraduate) students. There are opportunities for displays, podium presentations, and poster sessions and there are many awards! Review the website—[Abstract submissions for 2017 will open January 10, 2017](#). Please talk with your research and creative mentors NOW to determine what YOU will submit! Watch your email for more announcements!

## **Library Resources for Distance Education Students**

### **Joyner Library**

ASK-A-Librarian—Can't get to the library?

[Ask a Librarian](#)

### **Laupus Library**

ASK-A-Librarian—Focused help in the Health Sciences!

[Ask a Librarian](#)

### **Music Library**

ASK-A-Librarian—Focused help in Music!

[Ask a Librarian](#)

# Award & Funding Announcements

## Fellowship Announcements

Review the link below for information on several fellowships that may be right for you! Note the deadline for a couple of them are in the month of November.

<https://ncseagrant.ncsu.edu/funding-opps/fellowships/>

- NCSG - NC Coastal Reserve Coastal: Research Fellowship, deadline Nov 21, 2016
- NCSG - NC Div of Marine Fisheries: Marine Fisheries Fellowship, deadline Nov 28, 2016
- NCSG - NC Sentinel Site Cooperative: Joint Graduate Fellowship, deadline Jan 20, 2017
- NOAA - Coastal Management Fellowship, deadline Jan 20, 2017
- Sea Grant - NOAA: National Marine Fisheries Graduate Fellowships, deadline Jan 27, 2017
- Sea Grant: Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship, deadline Feb 10, 2017

## ECU Scholarship Portal Open!

ECU maintains a scholarship portal for all scholarships that are available through ECU directly. There are many for graduate students! It would be worth your time to review the ECU Scholarship Application Portal to find out what might be waiting for you! You can reach the [main website here](#) and the direct link to get into the [scholarship application portal](#) is here.

## 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.

## Search Job Postings

ECU maintains an Office of Student Employment and they have numerous [student job postings](#) that you can review. Click on the Student Positions Tab to review many opportunities at ECU specifically for student employment, including graduate students!

# Student Life Resources

## Graduate Student Bowling Nights!!

Join us at the Mendenhall Bowling Alley (basement) for a fun night of FREE bowling! Bring a professor or two! All you need is your ECU One Card! All four nights are 7:00 PM–11:00 PM.

- December 8



[The Division of Student Affairs](#) is the part of the university that coordinates all the events and services that are for YOU! Graduate Students are welcome to all that Student Affairs has to offer!

[Review their website regularly](#) to keep on top of all the great offerings and services!



Is your graduate student organization affiliated with the [Graduate & Professional Student Senate](#)? THEY SHOULD BE! This organization is THE VOICE for graduate student issues on campus! They have social events and a funding mechanism for graduate student organizations. [Check out their website](#) and make sure to contact their Board so your club can get involved! Let your voice be heard through the [GPSS](#)!



## Love these newsletters?

We have archived all the past issues from when Pirate Pearls first started—Fall, 2015. Please feel free to review past issues to learn more about ECU and all it has to offer for graduate students! [Here is the link!](#)