

Pirate Pearls

THE GRADUATE STUDENT
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Did You Create Your Free Account?

All graduate students are eligible to activate their free account with the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity!

The NCFDD is an independent faculty development center dedicated to supporting academics in making successful transitions throughout their careers. Their resources are helpful for graduate students who are looking for support in a variety of areas including motivation, prioritizing writing, developing accountability, and dissertation/thesis support.

To activate your free membership, complete the following steps:

- 1) Go to <http://www.FacultyDiversity.org/Join>
- 2) Choose your institution from the drop- down menu (if you don't see a "Select Your Institution" menu, click on "Become a Member" and then select East Carolina University.
- 3) Select "Activate my Membership"
- 4) Complete the registration form using your institutional email address (i.e. @students.ecu.edu or @ecu.edu)
- 5) Go to your institution email to find a confirmation email. Click "Activate Account" in the confirmation email.

If you have any questions about the membership, please contact Eboni Baugh, Office for Faculty Excellence 2019-2020 Faculty Fellow, at baughe@ecu.edu or 252- 328-5429. If you have any technical questions, please email NCFDD at [Membership@ FacultyDiversity.org](mailto:Membership@FacultyDiversity.org).

Upcoming Webinars Provided by NCFDD

How to Engage in Healthy Conflict - [October 10](#)

Twitter: How to Win Followers and Influence

People - [October 30](#)

How to Manage Stress, Rejection & the Haters in

Your Midst - [November 14](#)

Making the Most of your NCFDD Membership:

Exploring Classic and Creative Ways to Advance

Your Professional Development - [November 21](#)

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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!

[Fall 2019](#)
[Spring 2020](#)



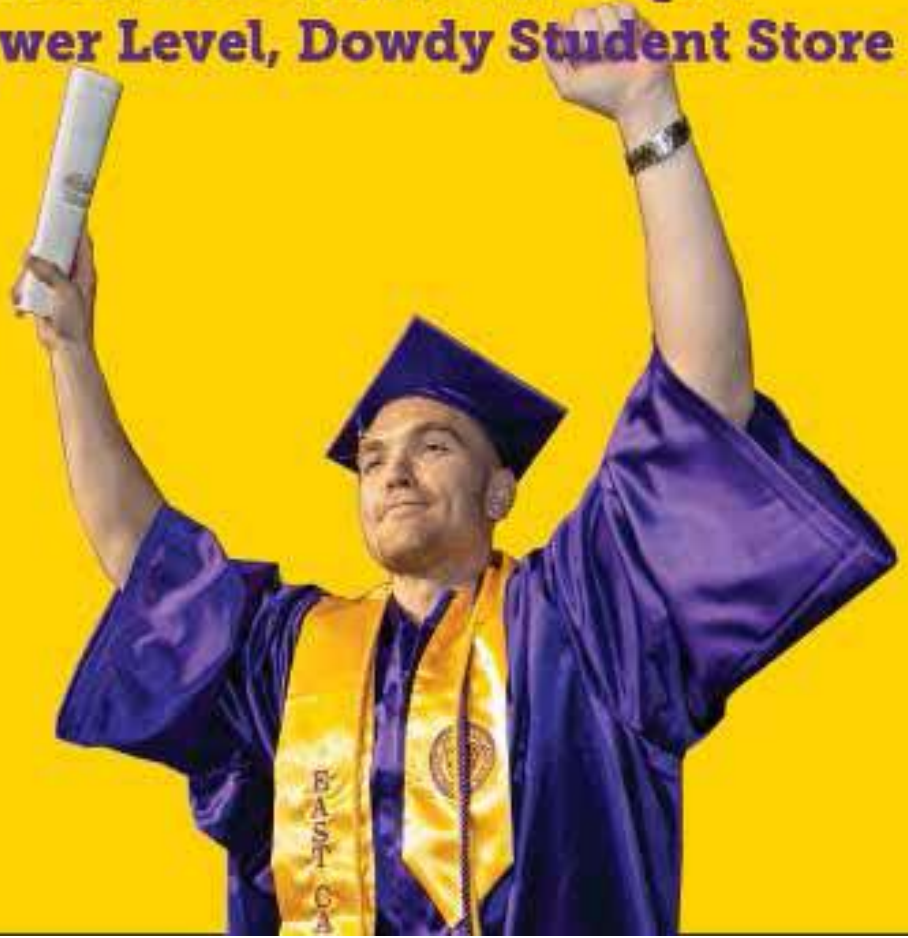
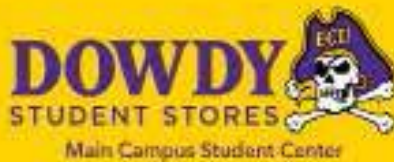


GRAD EXPO 2019

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October 16 & 17, 10 am - 7 pm
Lower Level, Dowdy Student Store

Caps & Gowns
Announcements
Rings & More!



The Dowdy Student Store will be holding a Grad Expo for the graduating class of December 2019! This will be your one stop shop for everything you need to properly wrap up your time as a Pirate. You can come and pick up your cap and gown at this time. You can also design custom invitations, announcements, and stoles. This will be the best time to purchase a frame to protect and display your diploma. All diploma frames will be discounted 20% in store and online from October 17 to 20. Jostens will be at the event to help you in purchasing your official East Carolina class ring. The Alumni Association, Pirate Club, Graduate School, and Career Services will also have representatives at the event to give out information and special offers for the graduates. The event will be on October 16 and 17 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm in the Dowdy Student Store. The Dowdy Student Store is located on the first floor of the Main Student Center on 10th Street. Parking is available in the Main Student Center parking garage for a rate of \$1 and hour.



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

OCT
5-8

Fall Break
[Academic Calendar](#)

NOV
27-1

Thanksgiving Break
[Academic Calendar](#)

OCT
9

8:00 - Classes Resume
[Academic Calendar](#)

DEC
1

Classes Resume
[Academic Calendar](#)

OCT
1-25

Advising for Spring Semester 2020
[Academic Calendar](#)

DEC
3

Classes end. Last day for submission of grade replacement requests
[Academic Calendar](#)

OCT
28

Last day for undergraduate and graduate students to withdraw from term-length courses or withdraw from school without grades by 5:00 pm.
[Academic Calendar](#)

DEC
4

Reading Day
[Academic Calendar](#)

NOV
1

Early Registration for special populations begins at 1:00 pm
[Academic Calendar](#)

DEC
5

Final Examinations begin
[Academic Calendar](#)

NOV
20

Suggested deadline for having your Spring 2020 registration complete

DEC
12

Exams for Fall Semester close at 4:30 pm
[Academic Calendar](#)

NOV
25

Final day to submit a thesis or dissertation in Vireo to have a Fall 2019 graduation date [Vireo site](#)

DEC
13

Commencement
[Academic Calendar](#)

[Academic Calendars are always found at ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm](http://ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm)

The deadlines found on this page do not serve as official notification and may not reflect changes on the official Academic Calendar. Refer to the actual calendar links for official notice.



RESEARCH & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program

Fields of Study	FY2020 Deadlines	FY2021 Deadlines
Life Sciences, Geosciences	October 21, 2019 (Monday)	October 19, 2020 (Monday)
Computer and Information Science and Engineering, Engineering, Materials Research	October 22, 2019 (Tuesday)	October 20, 2020 (Tuesday)
Psychology, Social Sciences, STEM Education and Learning	October 24, 2019 (Thursday)	October 22, 2020 (Thursday)
Chemistry, Mathematical Sciences, Physics and Astronomy	October 25, 2019 (Friday)	October 23, 2020 (Friday)
Reference Letter Submission DEADLINE	November 1, 2019 (Friday)	October 30, 2020 (Friday)

Graduate students can apply for funding through the National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program. Program deadlines are listed above for the 2020 and 2021 fiscal years. More information can be found on the [NSF website](#).

Three-Minute Thesis - Share Your Work at 3MT!

The 3MT competition (3MT = Three Minute Thesis) is a competition where, using one slide, students present their research in 3 minutes or less. This year the 3MT competition at ECU is on Wednesday November 6 at 2:00 PM in Main Campus Student Center Ballroom A. Campus and Community Leaders serve as judges for the 3MT event and there are winners as well as an overall Department winner! The Department Cup is awarded each year to the program that has the highest scores. The 3MT website is filled with helpful information including how to [submit your abstract](#). **The deadline date to submit your abstract so you can participate is October 4.**

3MT is an [international organization](#) - and the Grand Champion at ECU will get to travel to the regional competition in [Birmingham, Alabama](#) in March 2020. [Workshops](#) to improve your presentation are available throughout October!! No registration is required for workshops.



RESEARCH EVENT

Publishing in Scientific Journals: An Insider's Perspective

OCTOBER 22, 2019

The publishing process can be long and opaque. In this workshop led by George Woodward of Elsevier, we'll shed some light and discuss what it all means for you as an author.

The session will cover topics such as tips and tricks for preparing a manuscript for publication, selecting the right journal, navigating the review process and what to expect after your article has been published. We'll also discuss how developments such as open access, preprints and social media are changing the ways we communicate research and how you can get involved.

Be sure to bring your questions about what you can do to improve your chances of getting published.

George Woodward is the executive publisher, biochemistry at Elsevier. He has worked in scholarly publishing for the last 15 years, covering a range of subject areas from health and medicine to social sciences to the life sciences. Before joining Elsevier, George worked as a managing editor, overseeing the editorial and review processes for two leading immunology journals. A highlight of his current role is meeting with early-career researchers across the U.S. to share his insider's perspective on the publishing process and how to get the most out of it.

TWO SESSIONS AVAILABLE

Session 1
Joyner Library, room 2409
9:00am - 12:00pm

Session 2
Laupus Library, room 2502G
2:00pm - 5:00pm

Register via [Cornerstone](#), space is limited.

Questions?

Please contact Roger Russell at russellr@ecu.edu or 252-744-3512



EVENTS & GRADUATION

Graduate & Professional Student

TRIVIA NIGHT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

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

Graduating in Fall 2019?

The [application for graduate graduation](#) should be completed at least one semester prior to completion of the requirements of the degree or certificate. Application for graduation must be completed online through [PiratePort](#) in Banner Self Service. If there are curriculum changes after the student has applied to graduate or if the semester of graduation changes, it is the student's responsibility to notify the Office of the Registrar at regis@ecu.edu to have the graduation application updated. Students who complete the degree requirements after the last day of final exams in the intended term of graduation will be certified for graduation in a subsequent term. You must apply for a degree graduation and a certificate graduation separately, even if they are graduated the same semester



GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

Brushes & Brews

Come paint with CatGnat Studio and go home with a masterpiece to hang on your wall!



Uptown Brewing Company
Sunday, Oct. 20th, 2019
10am - 1pm



Cost: \$5

Your first beer (or soda) is covered in the price of the event. **You must reserve your spot on the GPSS Engage Events page.** This event is only open to ECU Graduate and Professional Students.



For more information, contact Student Activities and Organizations at (252) 737-1868 or visit ecu.edu/sao. Individuals requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the Department for Disability Services at least 48 hours prior to the event at (252) 737-1016 (Voice/TTY). The event is sponsored by student fee dollars.





GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

FREE FAMILY MOVIE



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 - 7:00 PM

HENDRIX THEATER

FREE POPCORN, DRINKS AND SOUVENIR LION EARS!

GPSS General Assembly Meeting

October 10
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Bate Building
(Main Campus)
Room 1030

ALL Graduate Students
Welcome!

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



This event is paid for by student fees. Valid with ECU I-Card. For more information, please contact SAO at 252.737.1806. Individuals requesting accommodation under ADA should contact DSS at least 48 hours prior to the event at (252)737-1016 (Voice/TTY).





REGISTRATION, ADD/DROP, WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION

Early Registration For Spring 2020 on November 1

Beginning at [1:00 PM on Friday, November 1](#), currently enrolled graduate students are eligible to register for SSpring 2020. It is in your best interests to speak to your advisors NOW so you are ready to register quickly after 1:00 PM on 11/1/19. When you register early, it allows you to know your financial obligations. This helps with planning finances, applying for and understanding financial aid, and will also help you review your progress towards your degree in Degree Works. The Graduate School recommends students register for Spring semester within 1-2 weeks of November 1st. This ensures you are able to be organized, plan, and begin each semester as stress-free as possible!

How Do I Register?

Graduate Students are expected to register themselves for courses via [Banner Self Service](#). Your official schedule must be checked via Banner Self Service each semester. It is the student's responsibility to ensure your schedule is accurate each semester including correct course name, number, section number, and number of credits. To learn more about using [Banner Self Service](#) for early registration, review the [helpful guides](#) on the Registrar's website. Graduate students do not need registration PINs.

How Long is the Add/Drop Period?

At ECU, the "add/drop" period is called the Course Adjustment Period and the last date for course adjustments is listed in the [academic calendar](#) for each semester. Students are responsible for adding & dropping courses by this deadline. It is the 5th day of classes during

the Fall & Spring Semesters and is typically the 2nd day of classes in summer sessions. Consult the [academic calendar](#) for each semester's deadlines.

Courses are rarely added to a student's schedule after the Course Adjustment Period has ended. If this is requested and permitted, the student will be required to pre-pay all tuition & fees. Late requests should come from the Graduate Program Director to the Registrar and Graduate School. The policy on [schedule changes](#) is always in the [Graduate Catalog](#).

Course and Term Withdrawals

Any course "dropped" after course adjustment period deadline is not a drop - it is a course withdrawal and a W is listed on the transcript. If a course withdrawal is requested after the deadline, there could be a grade of F along with the W. It is important to consult with your advisor prior to withdrawing from any course and ensure you make withdrawal decisions prior to the deadline each semester.

Term withdrawals occur when a student withdraws from all courses in a semester. It is the student's responsibility to email the Registrar, course instructors, and program directors to notify them of this action. The [withdrawal policy and procedures](#) are explained in the Graduate Catalog. Withdrawals, either course or term, may affect assistantships, financial aid, and eligibility for student health insurance. Students may consult with graduate program directors, academic advisors, and/or the Dean of Students Office to discuss the impacts of course or term withdrawals.