

Pirate Pearls

The Graduate Student Newsletter

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East Carolina University

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MEMORANDUM

TO: ECU Community
FROM: Virginia D. Hardy, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Lynn Roeder, Dean of Students
DATE: October 17, 2016
RE: DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER

As we continue to deal with the aftermath of severe flooding in parts of the Greenville community, and other areas throughout North Carolina, ECU will open a Disaster Recovery Center to aid affected students and employees.

Under the leadership of Dr. Lynn Roeder, **the Recovery Center will open Tuesday, October 18 from 10:00am – 7:00pm in the Willis Building for ECU students and employees.** Operations will continue through Friday, October 21 at which time it will then be determined if the center needs to operate the week of October 24.

The departments and offices that will be represented in the Recovery Center include:

- Campus Living/Off Campus Student Services
- Center for Counseling and Student Development
- Dean of Students Office
- Dowdy Student Store
- ECU Police Department
- Financial Aid Office
- Cashier's Office
- Parking & Transportation Services
- Red Cross
- Student Health Services

Students will also receive assistance in completing online forms for FEMA. For additional information or to volunteer at the Disaster Recovery Center, please contact the Dean of Students Office at 252-328-9297.

Mark Your Calendars!

IMPORTANT ACADEMIC DEADLINES

Early Registration for graduate students begins—[October 28 at 1:00 PM EST](#)

Last day to withdraw from term-length courses without grades—[October 31 at 5:00 PM EST.](#)

Last day for graduate students to remove incompletes from Fall 2015—[December 5, 2016.](#)

Last Day to submit a thesis or dissertation to the online [VIREO](#) system for a Fall 2016 graduation—[December 1, 2016.](#)



Career Services Events

[Diversity Virtual Career Fair](#)
October 19, 2016
Online

[Graduate School Expo](#)
October 27, 2016
9AM-12PM
Croatan, Green Room

[Health Careers Fair](#)
November 3, 2016
10AM - 1PM
East Carolina Heart Institute

Research Resources

Dissertation and Thesis Submission

Deadline for Fall 2016 - December 1, 2016

Each semester many students finish a thesis or dissertation on their path to graduation. After you defend your thesis or dissertation, your document needs to be approved by your committee and then uploaded to the Graduate School.

A signed version of the signature page, with all signatures except for that of the Dean of the Graduate School, is uploaded during the Vireo submission process during the Administrative Documents step. The Dean will sign the page **AFTER** you've completed the submission process and the Graduate School reviews the thesis/dissertation. The final thesis or dissertation document (as a PDF) must also contain an unsigned copy of the signature page.

Appendix A of each thesis or dissertation will contain any IRB or IACUC approvals; if your thesis or dissertation required IRB or IACUC approval, you must include approval memos in Appendix A or the thesis or dissertation cannot be approved. Also, students upload a signed ECU Non-Exclusive Distribution License (NEDL). The NEDL can be found on the Theses and Dissertation Information page of the [Graduate School website](#).

Students can find the VIREO link on the [Current Students tab](#) of the Graduate School webpage. The [VIREO page](#) includes a page of information including deadlines for each semester through spring 2018. This page also includes contact information where you can ask questions about deadlines, formatting, and copyright. All students doing a thesis or dissertation are required to upload their document using VIREO and this [helpful guide](#) will make it easier!



Academic Resources

Electronic Thesis & Dissertation Submission Workshops

If you are completing a thesis or dissertation as a formal part of your graduate program, you are required to upload it to the [VIREO system](#). This system allows you to communicate with the Graduate School about format and other structural issues after you successfully defend.

It is wise for you to attend these workshops or watch the online recordings so that you are aware of the process. You are not “done” with your degree until all requirements are completed—and that means the Graduate School has reviewed, approved, and notified the Registrar that your dissertation or thesis has been completed and accepted. [This is done through the VIREO system](#).

November 3 3:00 PM
Joyner Library, Room 1418

November 9 3:00 PM
Laupus Library (Health Sciences Campus)
Room 3503



Graduate Student Grant Writing Workshop Series

Obtaining Funding for Dissertation, Thesis, or other Research

Funding Dissertation/Thesis Research: How Do I Write A Grant?

Thurs, October 20 4:00 PM Bate 3010

Additional financial support will lend you greater access to your field and help improve your dissertation or thesis. How do you best describe your work to get it funded? This session will guide you in the basics of writing a grant to fund your thesis or dissertation research.

Using SPIN and the Foundations Database

Tues, October 25 4:00 PM Joyner Library 1418

This hands-on session will focus on searching for grant funding opportunities in various databases such as SPIN and Foundation Directory Online. Students are encouraged to sign up for a SPIN username/password prior to the session : http://libguides.ecu.edu/spin_funding/profiles.

Reading & Interpreting an RFP* *(Request for Proposals)

Thurs, November 3 4:00 PM Bate 3010

Finding a grant's Request for Proposals is the first step in funding your research. This session will help you understand eligibility issues and will review requirements right down to meeting deadlines.

Show Me the Money! Developing a Fundable Budget

Thurs, November 10 4:00 PM Bate 3010

An integral part of proposal submission is the budget. Formulating a budget that meets the project needs and fulfills the sponsor's guidelines is important. In this session, we will discuss the process of budget creation within the context of the project as well as develop a grant budget as an example.

[Register for any of these workshops at this link!](#)

[Registration is appreciated!](#)

Academic Resources

The Graduate Catalog

The [Graduate Catalog](#) is the official guiding document of graduate education at East Carolina University. It contains information that you need to be successful at completing your degree including the time limits for completion of a degree, information about transfer credit from other institutions, and specific information about the degree requirements for the many graduate programs we have at ECU. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the Graduate Catalog is reviewed on a regular basis. The Graduate Catalog is conveniently posted online under the "[Current Students](#)" menu item on the Graduate School website. You can bookmark the direct link <http://catalog.ecu.edu/index.php?catoid=11> as well. Make sure to review the sections on [time limits](#), the [probation and termination policy](#), and [continuous enrollment or registration](#). These three areas generate the most questions from students and information gathering should always start with a good review of the [Graduate Catalog](#).

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.

- November 10
- 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!](#)



DON'T FORGET YOUR PASSPORT

East Carolina University and the Lenoir Community College Passport Facility are making it easy for you to get a passport!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Certified birth certificate
- Driver's license, military or state ID
- Passport photos (two in. by two in.)

COST:

- Routine process (four–six weeks): **\$110**
- Expedited process (three weeks): **\$170**
(check or money order only)
- Processing fee: **\$25**

Wednesday, November 9:
11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

International House
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Greenville, NC



QUESTIONS:

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