

Pirate Pearls

The Graduate Student Newsletter

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Mapping your career path—it's easier than you think!

The Career Services office is available for you to use throughout your time as a graduate student— not just the semester you graduate! Take advantage of all that Career Services has to offer now while you are learning more about your profession, the job opportunities that open up to you when you have a graduate degree, and the skills needed to navigate a successful job search! Sarah Lage is one of the career counselors dedicated specifically to graduate students, so please make an appointment with her now so that she can help you use all that is there for you! The next page has a few opportunities for your calendar. You can review all of their offerings and services (like video interviews!) on their website: <http://www.ecu.edu/career/>

Career Services Highlights

More from career services—mark your calendars!



Upcoming Events:

Pokémon Go to Career Services
September 27, 2016

12PM - 5PM

ECU Career Services (701 East 5th Street)

Peer Career Services On Tour

September 26, 27, 28

5PM - 8PM

Various Campus Locations

FREE Putt Putt, Popcorn, & Resumes

September 28, 2016

11AM - 3PM

Career Services

Disney College Program Information Session

September 28, 2016

5:30PM - 6:30PM

MSC, 244

Fall Career Fair

October 5, 2016

1PM - 4PM

Greenville Convention Center
Pre-Register and Enter to Win
\$100 Amazon Gift Card

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

Months of research, writing, and hard work
... in only 3 minutes!

[Click Here to Register](#)



Three Minute Thesis
East Carolina University
October 26th
2:00 PM
Mendenhall Student Center
MSC 244
blog.ecu.edu/sites/3MTC

Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) is a Research Communication Competition that challenges Graduate Students to present a compelling oration on his or her research endeavors in just 3 minutes to a non-specialist audience. The winner will represent ECU at the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools Meeting in Annapolis, Maryland.



3 Minute Thesis competition is a great way to begin to hone your presentation skills and master a short “elevator speech” about your research. Summarizing research in 3 minutes is tough, but sometimes, that’s all you have when you are on the phone with a funding agency and they want to know what your research is about and why they should fund you!

Talk with your research mentor today about applying for and preparing for the 3MT competition. It a fun day with lots of students, faculty, and friends of ECU—you will learn a great deal about the fantastic things graduate students are doing on this campus! We can’t wait to hear you present your work!

Research Resources

Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Workshops

Are you feeling nervous about giving a 3MT presentation? Have you started working on the presentation, but are uncertain about how to organize a successful 3MT presentation? Do you worry your audience will not comprehend what you are saying?

In collaboration with the ECU Speech Communication Center we are offering three workshops on how to organize and deliver a dynamic and engaging presentation!

**East Campus: October 12th, 11:00-2:00 am
205 Joyner East (Across from the Library)**

**East Campus: October 13th, 11:00-2:00 am
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**West Campus: October 14th, 2:00-3:00 pm
Brody School of Medicine: 2W40**



A Welcome for YOU from Dr. Virginia D. Hardy, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Dear ECU Graduate Students:

I hope the start of your fall semester is going well. We are happy to see the number of graduate students growing at East Carolina University and want to do all we can to provide you with the support systems and resources you need to be successful. On behalf of the 29 departments and the more than 300 Student Affairs educators in the division, I wanted to share some of the engagement opportunities we provide.

First, a common myth is that Student Affairs services are really only available for undergraduate students. A very high percentage of Student Affairs programs and services are open to all students and, in fact, we are becoming more intentional with creating programming specific to our 5,400+ graduate students.

Campus Recreation and Wellness hosted the first ever Grad Student Welcome at the North Recreation Complex (NRC) in mid-August. More than 50 grad students and their families enjoyed the beach house, kayaks, zip line and free snacks. The NRC is open for our grad students every day and all you need is your OneCard. In addition, Student Involvement and Leadership has started graduate student night at Mendenhall Student Center (MSC) where you can enjoy free bowling and billiards. This will occur each month and started Sept. 8th. These free grad student only events will also be October 13, November 10 and December 8.

Also in MSC, the Student Activities Board provides free movies to our students each Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. These are films that have recently left the movie theater but haven't been released on DVD or streaming. Campus Dining services is also working on adapting one of its dining plans to better fit the lifestyle and schedules of our graduate students.

In the coming months, the Division of Student Affairs will be submitting regular articles in this newsletter to open lines of communication between you and the division, and also to educate and empower you to get more engaged this coming year.

To learn more about Student Affairs, visit the website www.ecu.edu/studentaffairs and you can follow us on Twitter (@InnerPirate). If you have specific questions, feel free to email me at vcsa@ecu.edu or call my office at 328-6541.

Have a safe and wonderful year!

Dr. Virginia D. Hardy, Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs

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.

- October 13
- 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, September 14:
11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

International House
306 East Ninth Street
Greenville, NC



QUESTIONS:

Kenneth Davis
252-233-872



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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



Planning Ahead

Submitting a thesis or dissertation in Fall?

The deadline for uploading your thesis or dissertation to the VIREO system is **December 1, 2016 at 5:00 PM EST**. If you miss this deadline, your graduation date will likely be May, 2017. Talk to your director now about making sure you will meet this deadline. You can check out [VIREO on the Graduate School website](#) and start planning your upload. And don't forget to close your IRB when your research is complete.

Foundation for Agromedicine and Toxicology Graduate Student Scholarships

To support research, education, and outreach in Agromedicine and the Toxicological Sciences, the Foundation announces the availability of supplemental scholarships designed to enrich the graduate student experience (e.g., books for relevant classes, travel to scientific meetings, publication costs for manuscripts) and requests nominations and applications. The Supplemental Scholarships are paid directly to the student and are not to be used as part of a graduate stipend.

The Supplemental Scholarships are open to graduate students in the stated fields from North Carolina State University, East Carolina University, North Carolina A&T University and the North Carolina Agromedicine Institute. Several awards of \$2000.00 each are generally granted. The deadline for receipt of applications is November 1st.

To apply, please refer to the Supplemental Scholarship Program Timeline and Application Procedure found at the following URL.

<https://appliedecology.cals.ncsu.edu/programs-and-centers/agromedicine/>

Helpful Tips!

Need Computer Support? [Pirate Techs](#) to the Rescue!

[Pirate Techs Student Computer Support](#) is a support service with 3 locations across campus to serve students. Pirate Techs can help you with network connectivity, setting up mobile email, Microsoft software installation, and more! You can bring your personal computer right to Pirate Techs and they will help troubleshoot your computer & networking problems. Pirate Techs is a certified, full-service repair center for Dell, Lenovo, and Apple computers with limited hardware support for most other computers.