Dear EXITO Scholars,

RLC Matching is in full swing! Earlier this month, Portland-area Scholars met with Research Learning Community leaders to learn more about the lab placement opportunities for Scholars and share their own passions and research interests.

For the staff observing, it was incredible to see how brave and engaged you were! You came prepared, ready for conversation, curious, and excited about meeting new people and sharing your own story.

If you are being matched at PSU and OHSU, matches are in the making and you should be notified on June 20. For our other four-year institutions, we know that your faculty are busy dreaming with you about future research placements and making matches that will help you progress on your pathway. We can't wait to see where you end up.

Whether you are at PSU, UoG, UAA, or UHM, these research labs are going to be lucky to have your contributions. And we trust that this will be an important stepping stone for many of you as you consider how you continue to create your research career!

Remember current and future PSU Scholars, the Summer Programming info is as follows:
PSU Scholar Summer Intensive Details

**ONE MONTH Intensive is August 28th-September 22nd.** Summer Induction for PSU Scholars beginning their BUILD EXITO RLC placement includes 64 hours RLC research and 16 hours EXITO programming. Programming will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-12:00.

**THREE MONTH Intensive is July 17th-September 22nd.** Summer Immersion for PSU Scholars who have completed a year in a BUILD EXITO RLC placement includes 250 hours and 50 hours EXITO programming which will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-12:00.

Questions or comments? Contact Radhika at rreddy@pdx.edu.

For those of you at UoG, UAA, or UHM, your faculty will communicate programming details with you if they haven't already.

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### Program Highlights + Happenings

**EXITO Scholar Kayla Townsley on teaching kids about the brain**

"History has proven that we consider the greatest minds found balance through both scientific inquiry and artistic creation"

-Kayla Townsley

We couldn't agree more, Kayla wrote an awesome blog about the work she is doing with one of our Career Mentors, Dr. Griesar. Check out the blog [here](#).

**Scholars on the move**

Several Scholars have had a chance to present research at conferences and events this spring.

Logan Schwartz and Chelsea Carter hit not one but TWO conferences to present their poster on "Exploring the Parenting Needs of Fathers Exposed to Domestic Violence in Childhood"

More to come on this great experience!

**Preparing for the THIRD Cohort of EXITO Scholars!**

We are THRILLED to announced that invitations have been extended to 96 brilliant individuals to join the EXITO community as our next Cohort of Scholars. Orientation planning is well underway, we can't wait to introduce you to these folks and give them a chance to join all your amazing work in scientific research!
Finals Weeks Activity on PSU Campus?

PSU Scholars, EXITO knows that finals week, and the week prior, can be a stressful time for students. As such, EXITO is looking to host an activity to help students de-stress. Please fill out this form to indicate which activities you would like to engage in the week before finals or during finals.

At Portland State University

- All local Scholars are invited to attend the weekly Scholar Enrichment events at PSU! These take place on Friday afternoons at PSU’s University Technology Services (UTS) Building in Room 307. Sessions for first year Scholars are from 1p-2:50p. For 2nd year Scholars, sessions are from 2p-3:50p.

- PSU Scholars: The Cultural Resource Centers are hiring for the 2017-2018 school year! Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. All hourly positions require FEDERAL WORK STUDY students (stipend opportunities are available too). Visit the Cultural Resource Center website for a list of current openings and full position descriptions.

- PSU Scholars: Are you a first generation pre-medical student applying to Medical School during the 2017-2018 cycle? OHSU’s Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) is putting together a series of workshops to provide support and guidance throughout the application process. There are often questions, concerns, and pitfalls while navigating through the medical school application cycle, OHSU’s LMSA is here to help! More information here, RSVP by April 26th to ohsu_mentorship@lmsa.net.

- Portland-Area Scholars: Upcoming event - Queering Sexual Violence: Radical Voices from Within the Anti-Violence Movement, Thursday, April 27th, 6-8pm at the Women’s Resource Center. Jennifer Patterson, editor of Queering Sexual Violence, leads a discussion that centers queer, trans, and gender non-conforming survivors within the anti-violence movement. This event is free and open to the community.

- PSU Scholars: sign up to register for Multicultural Graduation. Multicultural Graduation is an annual Cultural Resource Centers ceremony that honors diversity and celebrates cultural traditions by creating a student-centered inclusive space to celebrate the graduation multicultural students. The ceremony includes student speakers, a keynote speaker, and a post-ceremony dessert mixer. This is DIFFERENT than PSU’s Commencement.

- PSU Scholars: PSU’s Commission on the Status of Women and the Diversity Action Council is offering an essay award to support undergrad and graduate students who respond to the following prompt with a 3-5 page essay: If you were to organize a women’s march, what would you like to accomplish? Two awards of $1,000 are on the table. Winners will be notified in early May 2017, and recognized at the PSU President’s Diversity Awards event on May 23rd at PSU. Entries must be received by 12:00 pm on April 25, 2015.

- PSU Scholars: PSU’s Diversity Action Council is offering a Culturally Responsive Workshop Series. The free workshops are geared for PSU faculty, staff and students and explore various diversity issues including race, sexuality, gender, disability and socioeconomic class. Workshops address different aspects of the work to be done to promote an inclusive environment at PSU. The series strive to break down barriers, challenge
stereotypes, celebrate differences and intersect commonalities in people, cultures and community. Those interested are encouraged to RSVP.

Friday, May 12th: PSU Physics Society hosts Time-Dilation in General Relativity presentation from Paul DeStefano. 5pm @ STRC 161.

Friday, May 5th: American Society of Civil Engineers presents Net-Zero Energy Housing Research on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. 3p-4:30pm @ EB 315.

Interested in learning how to use Arduino? Want to improve your CAD or soldering skills? Check out the Lab for Interconnected Devices (LID) workshops being held next weekend (April 29 & 30)! All majors welcome. Sign up here: www.tiny.cc/domore.

(Location: Fourth Avenue Building 84-20)

Spring 2017 Thinking About Graduate School Workshops: attend an upcoming session to get help with CVs, grad school interviews, standardized testing help, and more!

Leading by Example – Panel of Diversity in Science, panelists will speak about their career trajectory and challenges they may have faced as researchers from diverse backgrounds. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions of the panelists and continue conversations during coffee mixer which will conclude the event. Wed, May 3, 11am–1pm, OHSU Auditorium, 3181 S.W. Sam Jackson Park Rd. Portland, OR 97239.

Funding Opportunities and Paid Internships

The 2017-18 Oregon NASA Space Grant Consortium (OSGC) Scholarship and Fellowship Program is pleased to provide students the opportunity to apply for scholarship and fellowship awards with career goals in STEM and STEM education. Individuals from under-represented groups in the STEM fields are strongly encouraged to apply. App deadline is May 26, 2017.

Volunteer with On Track OHSU! works with Oregon middle & high schools to increase the number of students from underrepresented minority background in the health sciences and in Oregon’s biomedical workforce.

Internship: Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs
seeks grad students (2) for mental health services disparities for Latinos in Oregon

Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs (OCHA) and the Oregon Health Authority are looking for interns. The OCHA consists of nine Governor-appointed Commissioners as well as two Oregon legislators and was created to address policy inequities and grow success for Latino Oregonians.

Find more internship details here. Internships would take place during the summer or fall of 2017. Applications are due no later than Monday, May 1, 2017.