Dear Scholars,

Its recruitment season for the newest cohort of EXITO Scholars. Please help us spread the word within your network! You can refer applicants to our website to get the most complete information about the program and how to apply. Any specific questions can also be directed to exito@pdx.edu.

The Scholar Application Assistance Page can be a particularly helpful resource to share with applicants.

Do you have any creative ideas on ways to improve our recruitment efforts? Let us know at exito@pdx.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.

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**Transfer Guide**
Attention all Scholars who plan to transfer to PSU! Please review the BUILD EXITO 2018 Transfer Guide for information on how to apply to PSU as a transfer student, financial aid information, housing information, and scholarships info for Pacific Island Scholars. This guide contains important info on the Transfer Form you must complete as part of this process (see below).

**Transfer Form**
Please complete the Transfer Form as soon as your transfer and summer/fall housing plans have been finalized, but no later than February 20, 2018.

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**Coming in January... Application Clinics! (All Scholars)**
Are you working on an application for a scholarship or graduate school? If so, BUILD EXITO is preparing a series of application clinics designed to assist Scholars as you prepare! Sign up on our Application Clinic Interest List to be notified when more information is available!

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**Tutoring Services (PSU Scholars)**
BUILD EXITO provides peer tutoring services to our PSU Scholars. If you are interested in receiving tutoring during Winter 2018, fill out this google form. Tutoring matches are made based on the availability of a tutor who can provide help in the subject you are requesting.
Requests received prior to the start of term are given priority, so we encourage you to submit a tutoring request as soon as possible. Questions? Contact exito@pdx.edu.

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### Financial Aid (PSU and transferring Scholars)

The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships will be closed Monday, December 11th through Monday, December 25th as we move to a new, temporary location for the Neuberger Hall Renovation Project.

Beginning Tuesday, December 26th the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships will re-open at their new location in the Western Hemlock portable units, space 25, at the corner of SW Park and SW Jackson.

Umit will be on vacation between 01/02/2018-01/07/2018. So, there will be no office hours for EXITO on Jan 5, 2018.

EXITO Scholars can get assistance from the EXITO office in Cramer Hall 347.

### Scholars being AWESOME

Just last month, six EXITO Scholars and one faculty program director attended the 2017 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS). For many Scholars, this was their first time presenting at a conference. Shout out to UAA Scholar, Laura Aspelund, who won an award for her poster in cell biology!

Scholars also learned more about research training opportunities available through summer research programs and chatted with graduate school representatives. PSU Scholar Deza-Rae Collins shared, “I thought it was a great learning experience that provided tons of information about different types of research as well as an opportunity to network with other students and professionals in the field that made students feel a part of a science community.” Another PSU Scholar, De’Junique Brown, shared “It was a wonderful opportunity to connect and engage with peers in our field. I personally learned a lot of information about the graduate school application and interview process.”

We are so proud of our Scholars who participated and continue to encourage all Scholars to connect across disciplines, research interests, and institutions to build a supportive community that cares about #truediversity in science!

### Events & Resources

Attention all Scholars! Below are links to some EXTREMELY useful lists for summer undergrad research programs (SURP), post-bac research education programs (PREP), and graduate programs- all of which are now accepting applications. Click on the PDF links below for lists of the following:

- [Summer Undergrad Research Programs (SURP)]
- [Post-Bac Research Education Programs (PREP)]
- [Graduate Programs]
PSU is offering a one credit class to help students with **major and career planning**!

**What:**[Explore Your Passion, UNST 195 Career Planning](#)

This class can help students to:
- Learn the myths & realities of choosing a major
- Understand their career decision making process
- Identify their skills, interest, & values
- Learn how to research careers & majors

**When:** In person 5 week session:
- Wednesday, Jan 24 - Feb 21, 10-11:50 (CRN 45769)
- Fridays, Jan 26 - Feb 23, 10-11:50 (CRN 16022)

We have updated our Scholar resources page to include information about summer training opportunities, funding that might be available, and more. Check it out!

[Visit our newly updated Scholar Resources Page!](#)