Dear Scholars,

It’s 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 deadline for applications is February 20, 2019 at noon PST.

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

Please complete your YASS Survey (2nd and 3rd year Scholars)!

If you haven’t yet completed a YASS (follow up Orientation Survey), you received an email this week with a survey link from either Rachel or Matt from our EXITO evaluation team. As an EXITO Scholar, your answers are essential to the program; our team uses this data to understand and improve your EXITO experience and to measure the program’s impacts over the last year.

To entice you to complete this survey, here is a picture when I googled “cutest picture ever”. - Matt

FAFSA Deadline Approaching!

Remember that the FASFA is due by February 1st.

Click here for the FAFSA

Scholar Reflections on the Journey

Scholar Sulema Rodriguez reflected on the value of mentors and her journey in academic research in an amazing blog post with NW Noggin.

“This is something that I never thought was possible for me. Without Dr. Griesar’s and Jeff Leake’s mentorship, I wouldn’t have discovered these incredible opportunities. Being a part of NW Noggin has taken me outside of my textbooks and brought me into schools to learn and teach neuroscience through art.”
**PORTLAND AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**

**Tutoring Services (PSU Scholars)**

Looking for tutoring this winter? EXITO has trained and experienced tutors ready to help you with a variety of subjects!

The deadline for priority tutoring matches is the Friday of the first week of classes, January 11.

**Click Here for the Tutoring Request Form!**

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**Check out this exciting course being offered at PSU in the Winter term!**

SCI 399, Green Roof Ecology  
Fridays 10:15 - 2:15 SB1 403  
Professor: Dr. Rick Hugo; hugo@pdx.edu  
CRN 45001

In "Green Roof Ecology" you will examine the ecological and societal impacts of green building design. This is a Course-based Undergraduate Research Experience, and you will tackle a real research problem in partnership with a PSU research lab. In Winter 2019, you will help Prof. Olyssa Starry understand how green roof plants and substrates affect the urban water cycle – in particular, how they affect stormwater. You will design and grow a model green roof and test how your model handles Portland weather. The lecture portion of the class will address general topics in green roof design: plant communities, habitats, weather and climate resilience, the urban water cycle, and ecological services provided by green roofs.

You are all encouraged to take the course and/or share with your friends. Please email Dr. Hugo with any questions!

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**OPHA Conference, "We Can Do Better"**

Thursday, January 17, 2019  
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM PST  
Portland Art Museum- Grand Ballroom

**EXITO funding is available for those interested in attending**

This exciting single-day conference focuses on the Social Determinants of Health!

Do you ever wish the health transformation debate was actually about health? That it was going to positively impact you, and the people you care most about? Our annual conference does just that, brings the focus back to what is most important — improving our health, better experiences when we get care, and doing it at a cost we can afford. We will examine what a good
health care system should deliver, a “map” to determine if the path we’re on is moving us towards a better health care system, one that includes affordable and available care, but has a broader goal of improving health.