Dear EXITO Scholars,

Spring is here and for many of you that means looking toward deepening your research experience in your EXITO Summer Immersion. For others, it means looking forward to getting matched with a Research Learning Community for the first time! The "matching process" looks a little different depending on which institution you are at, but regardless of where you're located, here are a few points to keep in mind:

- **Take at least 30-45 minutes and do some of your own preparation** to get an idea of what RLCs you might be interested in. Are there any research projects or labs that catch your eye? Is there something that peaks your curiosity? Bring that information and your questions to the next meeting or event you attend related to your RLC match.
- **Make a "cheat sheet"** of research topics and research faculty who you are interested in working with and bring that with you.
- **Dress the way you want to be seen.** If you are attending a large RLC matching event, don't hesitate to just walk up to the RLC leaders and talk to them—introduce yourself and ask about their work! Talk to as many RLCs as you can, you may find a good match you didn't expect.
- **Update your resume.** The PSU RLC matching fair asks Scholars to create a 1pg resume that should contain: your photo, career goals, major, lab preference (OHSU or PSU, research interest area), and other info that will help in placement.
- **Bring copies of your resume with you** to RLC matching meetings or events, the best matches will be made as a result of in-person contact between scholars and RLCs and you can leave them with your resume to make a lasting impression.

For Scholars who are attending PSU in the fall, we sent out an email last week with all details for the upcoming fair, you can review the e-mail here. Those at other institutions should be in contact with their EXITO staff about the next steps for RLC placement.

**Also, attention Portland-area Cohort 1 Scholars who are already matched with their RLC, we need your help!** PSU EXITO staff could use your help with with staffing the upcoming OHSU-PSU RLC matching fair on Friday April 7th 1-3pm. Click the RSVP link below if you can support the event as a greeter, helping with refreshments, and guiding faculty and scholars between rooms in the Collaborative Life Sciences Building (CLSB).

We are so excited about all you will take away from your RLC experience and the amazing things you will contribute to these projects.

BUILD EXITO Staff and Faculty

Current and future PSU Scholars, RSVP to the matching fair here
Advising Updates

We are excited to introduce our Interim Advisor for BUILD EXITO, Sarah Whisehunt. Sarah previously worked as an Academic and Career Advisor in the Advising and Career Services department of Portland State University. Sarah completed the P.A.C.E. Graduate Certificate of Student Affairs in Higher Education at PSU. She earned both her B.A. in Spanish and her Master’s in Education from the University of Oregon. Travel is a passion of Sarah’s including a study abroad experience in Chile and a teach abroad in Mexico. Sarah is a former educator who strives to serve students from diverse backgrounds as they navigate the complex higher education system and to support all students’ desires to learn.

You can set up an appointment with Sarah to talk about course registration or academic planning. Any EXITO related programmatic questions should come to exito@pdx.edu.

Book an advising appointment with Sarah at buildexitoadvising.youcanbook.me. She can also be reached at whis2@pdx.edu

Thank you for your help!

We were able to spread the word far and wide and are excited to start looking through applications to select our next cohort. Your willingness to share the news, encourage people to apply, and even help individuals with the application process was crucial to our success. We can’t wait for our next cohort to follow in your footsteps!

Transfer Student Guide

Attention all Scholars who attend Chemekata, Clackamas, NMC, ASCC, Clark, or PCC! As you are aware, we plan to have you transfer to PSU this coming Fall 2017 term. We have developed a Transfer Resource Guide that contains all the crucial information you need to successfully move forward with your transfer to PSU, you should have received it in an email this week as well. You need to fill out the TRANSFER REQUEST FORM by March 1st. Please do so if you haven’t already!
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.

- In an effort to continue promoting an inclusive and welcoming campus for all students, faculty, and staff, PSU has opened several new all-gender restrooms last month. The multi-stall and single-occupancy restrooms are available to anyone regardless of their gender. There is now a total of 61 all-gender restrooms in 23 buildings with more to come.

- Don't forget to stay in the loop with Cultural Resource Center events!

- Paid science writing opportunity at PSU: PSU's Vanguard is looking for student contributors who can write about science and research topics in a way that is accurate yet approachable. This is a great opportunity to build your resume while also learning more about research on campus! Student contributors are only required to write 2 articles per 30 days, each article averaging only 600 words, earning $25-30.00 per article, and $35.00 once they have written enough to be a "Preferred Contributor". To be eligible to apply you must be a PSU student and maintain a GPA above 2.5 as a part-time undergrad or 3.0 as a part time graduate student. Click here to apply.

- PSU Students: 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.

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Funding Opportunities and Paid Internships

The School of Public Health at the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC) has funding for students who are seeking to continue their studies in public health. They invite strong undergrad applicants to apply. Learn more about UNTHSC program funding here.

Paid internship: Community Organizing and Environmental Justice Intern with Neighbors for Clean Air. For best consideration, submit your application no later than Friday, February 27, 2017. More details here.

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Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences

**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.
The Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP), is a free, 6 week academic enrichment program for college students interested in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, optometry, nursing, public health, physical therapy, or physician assistant. Students participate in basic science and quantitative courses, get an inside view to the health professions, exposure to clinical and research settings, and workshops on financial planning and career development. Application deadline is March 1st.

The Science Training for Advancing Biomedical Research Post-baccalaureate Research Education Program (STAR-PREP) is a 1-year mentored research training program designed to encourage and prepare recent baccalaureate graduates coming from underrepresented groups in the biomedical sciences for successful entry into a top-notch graduate program. The program is intended for students interested in obtaining additional skills to prepare them for entry into a PhD or MD/PhD combined program. The program is not for students who are interested in applying to stand alone MD programs. Application deadline is March 1.

The University of Nevada, Reno’s 5-day intensive program (for 1st-generation college students or students from historically underrepresented backgrounds) introduces participants to the opportunities, challenges, and expectations of graduate school, and provides training and tips for the graduate school application process. App deadline: March 1, 2017. To apply to GradFIT visit www.unr.edu/gradfit

Opportunity to present research at the 42nd Annual West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference (WCBSURC). This conference is among one of the oldest in the nation and will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at Santa Clara University, CA. Abstract submission deadline: March 17, 2017.

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