



The Weekly Update is the primary means of communicating general announcements and events to students by the SCI Student Services group. The Weekly Update will be sent to all students each week from the beginning of the Fall semester until commencement in May.

## > Announcements

### Writing Center Assistance Just for SCI Grad Students

Zack Fish in the Writing Center has 5 hours available each week reserved specifically for you! He is available to meet online and coach you through effective writing techniques. He can work with you from the planning stage all the way to publication.

Keep in mind that although part of his role will be to help with grammar and word choice issues, he is not an editor! Instead, he will talk with you about writing and help you strategize use of the best communication techniques.

If interested, please visit [the Writing Center site](#) and use their online scheduler to set up an appointment with Zack.

### Free Opera Tickets!

An IS faculty member, Mike Lewis, and his wife Katia (a CMU faculty member), have graciously offered to pay for tickets for SCI grad students to see the opera [Il Trovatore!](#) Performances available for the free tickets are either March 28 at 7:00 p.m. OR March 31 at 7:30 p.m. While this opera can have a variety of sets and interpretations, [here is a sample](#) (from the Met) of a famous chorus from this opera.

If you are interested, please join the Pittsburgh Opera and SCI and CMU School of Computer Science colleagues by [reserving your free ticket here!](#)

### Need some extra space to study?

There are study spaces available to students across Pitt's campus. Please check [here](#) for various options.

## > Events

### [March 15 | Equal Pay Day/Salary Negotiation Workshop for Tech Students](#)

This virtual workshop, offered from 1:00 - 1:50 p.m., offers students the chance to learn the finer points of salary negotiation, how to evaluate and translate your value to an employer, as well as how to manage multiple job offers. If interested, [please register here](#).

### [March 31 | AWS Pittsburgh Cloud Computing Student Gathering](#)

From 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Amazon Web Services (AWS) Academic Advocacy will be in town in the William Pitt Union Lower Lounge and eager to meet with students in the Greater Pittsburgh Area!

This event will gather cloud-interested students and introduce AWS's new programs for university students. During this session, we will learn about cloud computing through a hands-on activity and discuss career pathways with a panel of AWS employees. Students of all years and disciplines are welcomed. Come to learn, connect, and network with professionals and students. Learn more about AWS Academic Advocacy at the [AWS Cloud Club page](#).

Space is limited, so please [register through Amazon](#) as soon as possible if interested!

### [April 29 | SCI Graduate Recognition Ceremony](#)

The Spring 2023 SCI Undergraduate Recognition Ceremony will be held on-campus from 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. on the first floor of Lawrence Hall. This will include a formal School-wide ceremony as well as a reception/social hour with light refreshments. All graduates who are graduating this Spring 2023 term and [have applied to graduate](#) will be emailed an RSVP invitation and more details within the next week or two. Additionally, Student Services will be reaching out to those who may graduate this summer with an invitation for them to attend the Spring Ceremony as well.

For a full list of upcoming SCI events, visit the [SCI calendar](#).

## **Deadlines**

[Don't forget to apply to graduate!](#)

If you are graduating this term, you MUST apply to graduate, [which you can do here](#). Please note that [applying has deadlines](#) - if you apply late you will be charged a late fee. If you apply too late, you will need to wait to apply to a future term and will not receive your diploma until after the end of that term!

For a full list of upcoming deadlines, visit the [University's Academic Calendar](#).

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