



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

### Research Study: Request for participation - Exploring User Sentiments About Sensing Within Campus Spaces

This research study aims to understand user sentiments regarding exposure to IoT devices and their sensed data within campus spaces. This study will take place using an Android application over the course of two weeks. This study will run for 2 weeks and participants will be paid up to \$51 for their participation. You can learn more [here](#).

### Summer Honors Undergraduate Research Experience in Electric Grid (SHURE-Grid)

The Frederick Honors College, Swanson School of Engineering, and Pitt's Office of Research are seeking eight (8) students interested in participating in a pilot summer research camp in collaboration with the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). This interdisciplinary research experience focuses on applying cyber-informed engineering and policy work to create new knowledge and inform action related to cyber security and power system operation. Students from a variety of backgrounds will work in teams of four with faculty and staff from INL to solve problems and develop solutions.

The program will run alongside Pitt's 12-week summer semester, beginning May 16th. Students from the following programs or colleges are eligible:

- Swanson School of Engineering
- School of Computing and Information
- College of Business Administration
- Students in the Physical Sciences (e.g., physics, astronomy, chemistry)
- Digital Narrative and Interactive Design
- Public & Professional Writing

Students interested in this opportunity [must apply by March 31 here](#).

### Hacking 4 Humanity: The Problem of Online Hate

Online hate is on the rise, leading to devastating real-world effects on individuals and communities around the world. Join the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon, and Duquesne University students at a multidisciplinary hackathon from March 18 - March 24 to develop new tech and policy solutions that mitigate online hate and create safer communities. If interested, please [access this page](#) to learn more and register.

# Events

## March 28 | CPT/ OPT Work Authorizations for SCI International Students

Offered from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. In this virtual presentation, we will review the eligibility requirements, the process to apply, and timelines for F-1 Curricular Practical Training (CPT), the authorization for internships before graduation and F-1 Optional Practical Training (OPT), and the authorization to work in the U.S. after graduation. [Register here.](#)

## March 28 | Dean's Spotlight Series: "Harnessing human-AI synergy to make the smart classroom more human and effective"

Offered from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Join alumnus Vincent Aleven (Professor, Human-Computer Interaction Institute, Carnegie Mellon University) and the Intelligent Systems Program for the fourth installment in this series. Refreshments will be served. All students are welcome! [RSVP here](#) to attend virtually or in person.

## March 28 | Visiting Poet Paul Tran

The writing program invites members of the University Community to several events throughout the day to welcome visiting Poet Paul Tran. Their work appears in the New Yorker, Poetry magazine, and elsewhere, including in the anthology *Inheriting the War* (W.W. Norton, 2017) and in the film *Love Beats Rhymes* (Lionsgate, 2017). Tran is the first Asian American since 1993 to win the Nuyorican Poets Cafe Grand Slam, and has placed in the Top 10 at the Individual World Poetry Slam and has earned ninth, fifth, second place in three consecutive National Poetry Slams. Please [access this calendar page](#) to learn more.

## March 30 | SheLeads Women's Forum

Offered from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. All students are invited to attend! Join us for a keynote address followed by a reception with refreshments and a panel discussion featuring women leaders in technology, moderated by Provost Ann E. Cudd. [RSVP Here](#)

## March 30 | Open Mic Night: LGBTQIA+ Pride

Offered from 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. in C4C Cathedral, this is a very special open mic night celebrating LGBTQIA+ voices. All Pitt students, faculty, and staff and all performance-based genres are welcome: original music or covers; poetry, storytelling, and spoken word; skits or monologues.

For this open mic, we specifically center LGBTQIA+ experiences, joy, and resistance. Performances should be relevant to these themes. Performance slots are limited, and sign-up starts at 8:15 p.m. Come to perform, or come to be part of our supportive community audience and soak up the vibe (and some good snacks). Please access this [calendar page](#) for more information.

## March 31 | AWS Pittsburgh Cloud Computing Student Gathering

Offered from 10:00 a.m. - noon, 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! Students will learn about cloud computing through a hands-on activity and discuss career pathways with a panel of AWS employees.

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

## March 31 and April 1 | OurCS: Diversity in Tech Virtual Conference

In an effort to improve diversity in computing research, Carnegie Mellon University School of Computer Science is announcing this virtual conference that will allow selected participants to explore the possibility of a research-focused career path. [Apply today.](#)

## March 31 | Trans Day of Visibility Rally for Trans Lives

Each year on March 31, the world observes Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) to raise awareness about our vibrant community and bring attention to our fight for equality.

To mark this day, Starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Pittsburgh City Council Building, SisTers PGH is supporting our TGNC Youth Collective as they organize a Rally for Trans Lives. Please access this [page](#) for more details.

## April 1 | SCI 5th Year Anniversary Celebration of Students!

We invite all SCI students, faculty, and staff to celebrate the excellence of our students with us on Saturday, April 1st, from 11:00 am. - 2:00 p.m. at [Phipps Conservatory](#). Lunch will be included, as well as 5th Anniversary giveaway items, and you can tour the Phipps' 5 Senses of Splendor flower show while you are there! **If interested, PLEASE [RSVP HERE](#) BY MARCH 24.**

## April 4 | University of Pittsburgh Career Fair

offered from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The career fair, which will feature various departments and schools with positions specifically available at Pitt, is open to all job seekers. The fair is a great opportunity to discover available jobs at Pitt and to learn more about working at one of the [region's best places to work](#). The fair will take place in the [William Pitt Union, Lower Lounge](#). **Job seekers are encouraged to bring copies of their resume/CV when attending the fair!**

## April 7 | Design a spaceship workshop

Offered from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Digital Media Lab (Room 435 Cathedral or via Zoom). Your mission: Design a spaceship, but not just any spaceship...An inclusive spaceship. How can we accommodate the various abilities and needs of interplanetary crews? Find out at this collaborative design meets speculate fiction workshop. [Sign up here](#). Pizza will be provided.

## April 10 | The basics of CF650, including how signaling and driverless train systems work, our global geography, and roadmap

Offered from noon - 12:50 p.m. The Swanson School of Engineering (SSoE) and [Alstom](#) are partnering to present a virtual ECE seminar via Zoom. The meeting ID is 966 4875 9595 and the passcode is ECE1885. Contact [Dana C. Romano](#) with any questions.

## April 13 - 15 | Race + IP '23: "The Imperial Scholar" Revisited

Offered in 2017 Cathedral of Learning, this year's conference will be hosted at the Center on Race and Social Problems in the Cathedral of Learning on the University of Pittsburgh campus, with a hybrid option for those who cannot join in person. Consistent with our commitments to access, we have made the conference free to attend, with some meals included. Information about the event, including speakers and schedule, is available [here](#). There is no fee to attend this event and you can register [here](#).

## April 28 | Lavender Graduation for LGBTQIA+ Students - 6 p.m.

Lavender Graduation is an annual ceremony celebrating the achievements of undergraduate, graduate

and professional students in the LGBTQIA+ community across all University of Pittsburgh campuses. The deadline for registration is **April 10, 2023**. RSVP [here](#).

## April 29 | SCI Graduate Recognition Ceremony

The Spring 2023 SCI Undergraduate Recognition Ceremony will be held on-campus from 5:30 - 8 p.m. in Alumni Hall. This will include a formal School-wide ceremony as well as a reception/social hour with light refreshments. All undergrads who are graduating this Spring 2023 term and have [applied to graduate](#) will be directly emailed with an RSVP invitation THIS WEEK!

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 those graduating in Spring 2023, the absolute latest deadline is April 1.** If you do not apply by then, you will not be able to apply and get your diploma until the end of the summer!!!!

**For students planning to graduate in Summer 2023, the absolute latest deadline is August 1.** If you do not apply by then, you will not be able to apply and get your diploma until the end of December!!!!

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

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