



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

[University of Pittsburgh Winter Commencement Ceremony](#)

The University will be hosting a university-wide Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 2 p.m. in the [Peterson Event Center](#). Students who have graduated/are graduating with their bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degrees between the months of May and December 2023 will be invited to attend. **Invitations will be sent out from the Office of Special Events in mid-October.** All details for the upcoming Winter Commencement Ceremony will be posted [here](#).

[Pitt's new food lockers combat food insecurity and make delivery more convenient](#)

New food lockers at the University of Pittsburgh will make grocery and meal delivery more convenient and help address food insecurity. Located in the Litchfield Towers residence hall (3990 Fifth Ave.), the passcode-protected, climate-controlled lockers are accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Getting meals delivered there from Pitt's dining establishments is as easy as logging into Pitt Eats' Transact Mobile Ordering app. Students who already visit the Pitt Pantry for nutritional support can access the free meals by ordering food the way their peers do via the Transact Mobile Ordering app.

[Runway Startups Applications Open for Doctoral Grads](#)

The Runway Startups Program out of Cornell University and Jacobs Technion Cornell Institute is starting to recruit for their next cohort of post-doctoral students. The Runway Startups Program is part business school, part research institution, part startup incubator. Runway ushers tech founders through a paradigm shift, from an academic mindset to an entrepreneurial outlook. Participants come to the Institute with ideas for unproven products and markets and receive significant support as well as mentorship from academic and business experts in connective media, health technology, security & privacy and computer vision, among a number of other fields. For more information and to apply, please access [the Runway Web site](#).

> Events

[HackRPI X | Nov. 4 - 5](#)

[HackRPI X](#) is the 10th annual intercollegiate hackathon hosted by RPI for students not only from RPI but

also from all around the world. Get swag and free food as you compete for exciting prizes! With a broad range of workshops and [mentors](#) on-site, there's no experience necessary to attend. Hackers will also have the opportunity to network with our fantastic sponsors from the companies that make our event possible. This year's theme, **Change the World** is an ode to a decade inspiring students and HackRPI! Register [here](#) and join the event [Discord](#).

[Unmasking the Impostor Syndrome | Nov. 6](#)

Offered from 12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. in 5317 Sennott Square, this workshop equips attendees with the knowledge and tools they need recognize impostor syndrome, challenge their negative self-perceptions, and build confidence in their abilities. It fosters a supportive and empathetic environment for individuals to work together in overcoming these common feelings of self-doubt and insecurity. Lunch is provided [for those who RSVP](#).

[Nationality Rooms Scholarships Information Session | Nov. 6](#)

Offered at 12:30 p.m. in 217 Langley Hall, this session will introduce interested students to the Nationality Rooms and Intercultural Exchange Programs Scholarships for study abroad. For more information on these scholarships and instructions for how to apply, please access the [Scholarships Web page](#).

[University of Pittsburgh Housing Fair | Nov. 8](#)

Offered from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Lower Lounge of the William Pitt Union by [Off-Campus Housing](#), this fair will feature local landlords with properties near campus. You can compare prices, amenities, locations, etc. No RSVP is necessary, please feel free to stop by!

[2024 Super Analytics Challenge Info Session | Nov. 10](#)

Offered at 10:00 a.m. in 117 Mervis Hall and on Zoom, this is an opportunity for graduate students to create data-driven solutions addressing real challenges faced by communities throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Teams will consist of members from multiple universities, harnessing their skills and experiences in tandem with expert partners (corporate, government, and NGO) to apply data analytics to generate implementable ideas on how to address a complex social issue. A selection of those ideas will then be brought to life through impactful fellowships.

In this info session, students will learn more about the Challenge, held in January & February 2024, its requirements, and this year's topic focusing on workforce development. Speakers will include Challenge coordinators and partners from our External Advisory Committee, comprised of senior leaders in Fortune 500 organizations. [Please access this page](#) to learn more.

[Workshop to Increase Diversity in Mathematical Modeling & Public Health | March 4 - 5, 2024 in Boston, MA](#)

The workshop is an annual event hosted by [Communicable Disease Dynamics at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health](#) and MIDAS Coordination Center at the University of Pittsburgh. This workshop is for undergraduates or students in a post-baccalaureate program from underrepresented groups who have an interest in public health and/or mathematical modeling, and are studying quantitative disciplines and/or public health at their home institutions. Students can [submit an application](#) anytime between now and the **deadline of Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 11:59 PM EST. Accepted students receive free admission to the workshop, combined with travel scholarships that cover transportation (airfare, train or bus fare to Boston) and hotel costs.**

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



Don't forget to check the Registrar's calendar page for upcoming deadlines!

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