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Experiential Learning

Monthly Update

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Hi students,

While the semester is winding down, there's still opportunities you can land this summer if you're looking. There's a [regional job fair](#) happening this week, as well as a [Summer Job & Volunteer Fair](#) at the end of the month.

Although it's always tougher to find an opportunity in the spring, since most recruitment happens in the fall, utilizing a company first approach can help expedite the process. By creating a targeted list of companies based on your own work preferences (industry, culture, location, etc.) you'll avoid competing with other students for the same opportunities that are already highly competitive, like the Google's of the world. It'll also help ensure you're a good fit for the company and/or the role. Location based job boards for college students can help, like this [one](#) for Philadelphia, with similar sites in other cities. There's more information on this approach on the SCI Career Services website [here](#).

Speaking of other cities, the Career Center is finalizing site visits to companies located in NYC, Philadelphia, and D.C. for their 'Shadow in Your City' series happening the week after the semester ends. So far [Comcast](#) has been announced with others soon to follow on Handshake. These experiences are great for building connections and touring places you might like to work.

For students interested in research, be sure to check out the new undergraduate SCI research list that was published last week on the Active Research [site](#). There's also an Undergraduate Research & Creative

Expression Fair happening next month if you'd like to check out some current research or if you're working on a project, submit a proposal to be part of the event [here](#).

For students who have landed opportunities already and would like to earn credit for them, please consider submitting them for approval now since it can take up to a month to process. No retroactive credit can be granted, so they must be approved before experiences begin. Additional information can be found below.

Hope you all have a great spring break and best of luck on midterms!



Have a great month,

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Featured Events

WestPACS Job Fair

Pitt is a member of the Western PA Career Services Association, which hosts a job fair twice a year. The spring fair is being held on March 6 at the Monroeville Convention Center.



[More Info](#)



Summer Job & Volunteer Fair

Looking for a summer job or volunteer position? Check out the Summer Job & Volunteer Fair that's happening on March 27; no advance registration is necessary.

[More Info](#)

Steel Hacks

This year is the tenth annual SteelHacks hackathon. Each year students from around the Pittsburgh area and beyond come together to hack and make cool stuff. Held March 29-30; registration opening soon.



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Spotlight: International Programs

Participating in international experiences, like study abroad and exchange programs, or working in another country in an internship or co-op position, can be a great way to better understand the world and become a globally competent professional.

In some cases, it's also a way to make an impact in a community that would benefit from project-based initiatives. While the international [Alternative Spring Break](#) trip was paused this semester due to staffing issues, it was a popular option for students to travel abroad and give back to a community using their technical skills. Stay tuned for local and national options in the meantime!

In addition to alternative spring break, SCI students can participate in various study abroad programs offered through the university. Visit the [Global Hub](#) to discuss your broader career goals that could involve study abroad, as well as the [Global Experiences Office](#), who can discuss with you the many program options. They offer 300+ programs and although most of them are non-technical, there's really something for everyone.

If there's not, please let my office know. Since we're still a smaller school, it's typically cost prohibitive to offer programs solely out of SCI, but with increased enrollment and demand that could change. We're also exploring ways we can join other technical-based programs to cut down on the cost, as well as participate in formal exchange agreements with international universities.

In most cases, program deadlines are 6-8 months in advance, so you'd want to start looking in the summer/fall for next spring/summer. If you're interested in participating in any international experience, be sure to speak to your advisor. They can help determine the best semester to do the experience, as well as ensure it's in alignment with your plan of study.

Featured Resources

SCI Student Success

SCI's Student Success staff help students identify and build new skills, develop their strengths, overcome challenges, and take advantage of opportunities to make their Pitt experience exceptional.

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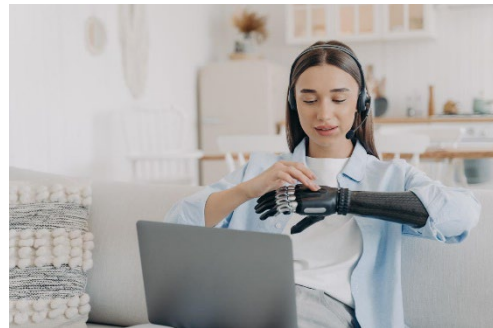
Student Success Hub

With rooms available for group work, spaces to study, and on-demand academic resources and coaches, the Student Success Hub serves as a place for every student to feel like they belong and will succeed at Pitt.

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Disability Resources & Services (DRS)

While DRS is known for providing accommodations, they also offer College to Career workshops and promote opportunities, some with a tech focus.



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Selected Opportunities

[Information Technology Intern](#) at Newmark Group

[Freelance Website Designer](#) at CliquePrize

[TRIO McNair Scholars Program Undergraduate Student Tutor](#) at University of Pittsburgh

[Customer Service Assistant](#) at Brentwood Public Library

[Software Development Intern](#) at Forever Green

Spring Workshop Schedule

[Succeed in Your Summer Experience](#) | March 28, 1 - 1:45 p.m., Virtual

[Salary Negotiation](#) | April 4, Noon - 12:45 p.m., SENSQ 5317

[Make the Most of Your Summer Break](#) | April 12, Noon - 12:45 p.m., Virtual

Interning for credit this summer?

SCI's For-Credit Experiential Learning Process

Students interested in earning credit for internships, research experiences, and co-op rotations need to have the experiences approved before they begin. Since the process can take up to a month, submit those experiences in Handshake today!

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