April 2024

Hi students,

I can't believe it's already the last newsletter of the academic school year! Whether you're graduating or staying with us for a bit longer, congratulations on making it this far.

Be on the lookout for SCI folks at Grad Central, as well as around campus hosting pop-up snack breaks for finals and more. Partners like the Big Idea Center are hosting one of the snack breaks on April 22 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in their space on Forbes Avenue.

There's also two experiential learning workshops left this semester, one centered around salary negotiation and the other around how to make the most of your summer break. Check out the remaining schedule below for more details.

For anyone interested in exploring companies in cities like NYC, Philadelphia, and D.C. after the semester ends, check out the Career Center's Shadow in Your City program here. There's more than 20 employers participating in-person and virtually. Register soon, since slots tend to fill up quickly!

Speaking of the Career Center, they're hosting some focus groups, as well as encouraging students to complete a survey to better understand how they utilize the center. There's an opportunity to be entered to win prizes as well.

Hope you all have a great summer break and best of luck on your finals!

Have a great month,

Emily Bennett
Manager of Experiential Learning, SCI

Featured Events

Life After Pitt

Graduating seniors can participate in sessions like financial wellness, setting goals, managing expectations and more with the Career Center on April 3.
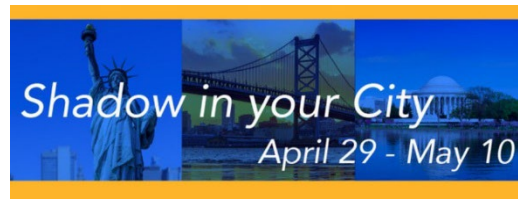
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Undergraduate Research & Creative Expression Fair

Join this bi-annual event on April 8 to check out undergraduate research in the form of poster presentations and research projects.

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Shadow in Your City

Participate in on-site and virtual site visits hosted by over 20 companies in cities like NYC, D.C., and Philadelphia, from April 29 - May 10.

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Spotlight: Other Experiential Learning

Although internships, hackathons, and research are some of the most popular ways to participate in experiential learning, they're not the only ones. There's also volunteer work, personal projects, student organization participation, student teaching and tutoring, business incubators, site visits, and more.

For volunteer work, be sure to fill out the SCI Community Engagement Volunteer form every fall and spring to be alerted of opportunities within the school or from our partners. Check out the Office of PittServes and their volunteer portal to look for other non-tech opportunities, as well as on sites, like VolunteerMatch and regional sites, like Pittsburgh Cares.

If you're interested in becoming a teaching assistant (TA), tutor, or peer advisor, the opportunities tend to be housed in the program or academic unit they're associated with - for example, a Computer Science teaching assistant would work with the Computer Science department so you'd inquire with them. However, when it comes to peer tutors and peer advisors within SCI, please contact the Academic Advising or Student Success office to learn more. There's currently a posting for a peer advisor for the fall here. Don't be afraid to look outside of SCI as well. There's typically opportunities available in the Math Assistance Center (MAC) and other departments on campus.

There's also no shortage of student organizations and clubs students can participate in at the university. There's several within SCI - the Computer

Science Club, Women in Computer Science, and MAC, to name a few, but there's also over 600 clubs across Pitt. Check out the directory here.

For students looking to interact with employers, there's site visits that happen throughout the year, but also a larger program called 'Shadow in Your City' that occurs at the end of the school year. Students can speak with employers in D.C., Philadelphia, and NYC either on-site or virtually. Be sure to check it out soon if you're interested, since slots fill up quickly!

Informational interviews can also be a great way to meet professionals and learn from them before graduating. Check out the 'Building Connections' portion of the SCI Career Services website here to learn more and to get started.

If you weren't able to land an opportunity for this summer or just want to make the most of break, be sure to check out the 'How to Make the Most of Your Summer Break' workshop that's happening next week. It's virtual and no pre-registration is needed. Many of the types of opportunities listed above will be discussed in greater detail.

Featured Resources

Career Ready Guide

Complete this self-guided resource published by NACE to learn more about what makes a student career ready. Access via the OCC/Suitable app.

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Experiential Learning Courses

For students looking to earn credit for their experiential learning

opportunities, check out the course dropdown page to see if anything aligns, especially when it comes to capstone.

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Experiential Learning Policies

Students earning credit for experiential learning opportunities should read the policy page for each type before pursuing them, especially when it comes to work authorization. No retroactive credit can be given.

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Selected Opportunities

Intern, Information Technology at the Pittsburgh Pirates

Tech Summer Intern at Wolfe, LLC

Peer Advisor at University of Pittsburgh, School of Computing & Information

Post-Bac Position at the National Institutes of Health - NIBIB

Mellon Foundation Preservation Scholar at Western PA Disability History & Action Consortium

[Autonomous Race Car Recruitment](#) at University of Pittsburgh, Autonomous Racing & Robotics

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Spring Workshop Schedule

[Salary Negotiation](#) | April 11, Noon - 12:45 p.m., SENSQ 5317

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

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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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