Research & Creative Achievement Week (RCAW) Needs YOU to be a judge!

Soon, you will see an email asking graduate students to serve as judges at RCAW. Never fear—we will train you! Mark your calendars now so you are ready to volunteer when the announcement is made!

West Campus  March 20  5:30 PM in Brody 2E-100
East Campus  March 23  5:30 PM in Rawl 101
In Your Words....

Helpful Information from Graduate Students TO Graduate Students

DE Students
Connect To Campus
Via the University Writing Center

By Renee Boettner—University Writing Center Graduate Student consultant, MA in English student

As a Distance Education (DE) graduate student in the Multicultural and Transnational Literatures program, I enjoy the independence of a virtual classroom; however, I miss the interaction of an in-person classroom. The perfect solution? I was hired as a DE Writing Consultant for the University Writing Center (UWC). The best part of being a consultant is the opportunity to work with other writers online — both undergraduate and graduate. Through technology, I can see and hear my students via the audiovisual feature. In addition to the ability to connect with students, weekly DE staff meetings foster a sense of community among my fellow tutors. I also utilize the UWC as a student writer. The Meet Online appointments allow me to communicate with a consultant in real-time. Working with consultants in the UWC has improved my own writing. Being part of the UWC provides a way for me to follow my passion, improve my writing, and create and maintain social connections.

Graduate Students and the University Writing Center

By Kelsey Burroughs – University Writing Center Graduate Student Consultant, MA in English student

As a new student to ECU and the English department in Fall 2016, I was awarded an assistantship that included a position as a writing consultant at the University Writing Center (UWC). The ECU UWC is by far the best job I have ever had. I love to help people and to see the confidence and reassurance I instill in my peers. I want fellow grad students to remember the UWC is for everyone and for any course that requires writing. We offer in-person (“face-to-face”) appointments in Joyner library and the Laupus library as well as two types of online appointments (“eTutoring” and “MeetOnline”) to accommodate all students. We even strive to provide outreach by helping others in the community and having pop-up writing center sessions around campus and community for students who need a quicker session away from the library. Each day that I spend in the UWC I feel more welcome and my love for ECU is growing. I see the positive influence an appointment at the UWC can have on students and I know everyone deserves to feel that positivity! The welcome feeling that I experience extends to every person who makes an appointment or who stops by for a walk-in. We are a friendly, hard-working, and caring bunch who can help with many types of writing, so please come see us!
Spring Career Highlights

**Education Career Fair**
March 1, 2017  
**8:00 AM-10:00 AM**  
Greenville Convention Center  
Click here to view employers attending

**Spring Career Fair**
March 1, 2017  
**1:00 PM-4:00 PM**  
Greenville Convention Center  
Click here to view employers attending

**Arts and Sciences Career Development Series**
Every Wednesday Starting January 18th  
**5:00PM to 6:00PM**  
Bate 1003

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### The Arts and Sciences: Beyond Your Degree

**February 23, 2017**  
**4:00pm-9:00pm**  
Mendenhall Student Center

Join us for Career Development Training Sessions, Alumni Panel Discussions, and Networking Opportunities with Faculty, Staff, and Alumni.

To register, please visit  
[www.ecu.edu/beyondyourdegree](http://www.ecu.edu/beyondyourdegree)

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- Pre-Register (click the graphic) for this great event!  
- Keynote Speaker!  
- 9 training workshops!  
- Meet ECU Alumni who have been successful in careers with degrees from the College of Arts & Sciences  
- Live Music, Food, Networking!
Alternative Break Experiences

With a mission focused on service, it is no surprise that ECU students commit to making a difference for others during their spring break (March 5-9). Alternative Break Experiences (ABE) are immersion programs that focus on active citizenship, leadership, and creating positive social change. Hannah Crouse, a counselor education student and graduate assistant for the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement (CLCE) says she can directly see how this upcoming experience will help her as a future counselor. “This will prepare me to become a counselor by providing an experience to build a positive rapport with a new group of people and help problem solve and achieve our goals of service,” said Hannah. During spring break, ECU students will have the opportunity to participate in ten ABE opportunities that work with a variety of community partners to address different social causes. Students will travel up and down the east coast including Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland, but they will also stay local to serve within Greenville and the Atlantic Beach area for the eighth consecutive year. All graduate students are encouraged to push their boundaries and consider making transformational change this spring break. ABE opportunities are filling up quick and students are encouraged to apply to be part of this life-changing experience. Learn more at: https://orgsync.com/69125/chapter
ECU Scholarship Portal Open!

ECU maintains a scholarship portal for all scholarships that are available through ECU directly. There are many for graduate students! If would be worth your time to review the ECU Scholarship Application Portal to find out what might be waiting for you! You can reach the main website here and the direct link to get into the scholarship application portal is here.

LeaderShape

The Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement offers many opportunities for ECU students to get connected, learn more about themselves and develop leadership skills to create positive change through a national leadership initiative called LeaderShape. As John Donahoe once said, “leadership is a journey, not a destination, it is a marathon, not a sprint, it is a process, not an outcome.” CLCE offers a variety of opportunities including the LeaderShape Institute, a six-day intensive leadership experience. The 2017 ECU LeaderShape program will be offered from May 7-12 at the Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores, which is on the North Carolina coast. This is an opportunity for ECU students to network, develop leadership skills, but - more importantly - come together to create a more just, caring and thriving world. This opportunity is open and FREE to all students. To learn more look for LeaderShape on OrgSync at: https://orgsync.com/140413/chapter.

Important Links

- Academic Calendar
- ITCS Help Desk
- Pirate Techs
- Graduate Catalog
- Graduate School
- VIREO
- Commencement
- RCAW
- Registrar’s Office
Digital privacy expert Cullen Hoback, the acclaimed director of Terms and Conditions May Apply, will teach students how to hide their online identities from government agencies and corporations, making it nearly impossible to spy on students and retain their private information.

You can take part in the event (or your social media can!):
On the day of his appearance Cullen will demonstrate how easy it is to access a your information from your online presence, via FaceBook, Instagram, Twitter, SnapChat, Yik Yak, etc., and demonstrate how advertisers and social-media sites are tracking you.

https://www.facebook.com/events/421939628146118/

By setting your status to "Going," or "Interested", you agree to let us use your public social media content in the presentation.
Research Reminders

Student researchers are responsible for closing their research studies in the IRB online ePIRATE system! Make sure you do this for all your research studies.

TUTORIAL on Closing Research Studies

The Open Access Publishing Support Fund (OAPSF) is still accepting applications! Students who wish to publish their research in open access journals that require a fee can apply for support from the OAPSF. Funded by Academic Council and administered by ECU Libraries, the OAPSF reduces barriers to open access publishing. The fund guidelines and application can be found on the OAPSF website: https://lib.ecu.edu/scholcomm/oapubfund. Please direct questions to the Research and Scholarly Communication Department at scholarlycomm@ecu.edu.