Hello Students –

Welcome Back!!!!!!

Fall 2021 semester has officially begun! We will be returning this fall in-person and are excited to be welcoming our students back after a very challenging year!

PLEASE READ THE WEEKLY EMAIL!!!!!
We will be sending out the Weekly Email on Monday mornings to keep you informed of what is going on with the Neuroscience Program and on campus that may be important to you. Please understand how important it is to take a minute and read these over.

RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATION INFO
Have questions about the research and scientific communications requirements? Scroll down to learn more!!!!

IMPORTANT RESEARCH CREDIT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS
If you are a senior and are having difficulty finding a lab to complete your required six research credits, reach out to us at neuroresearch@jhu.edu. We will get back to you to discuss your options. The deadline to email is THIS Friday 9/3/2021.

Have a GREAT beginning of the semester!!!

News and Upcoming Events: August 30th – September 5th

| WELCOME TO RODNEY WILLIAMS | Please stop the Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology Office to welcome Rodney Williams, our new Administrative Coordinator. Rodney has been with Johns Hopkins since 2017. Some of you may remember him from the KSAS Office of Academic Advising where he worked within the Academic Support Programs. Please make sure you stop by to introduce yourselves and say hello! |
| JHU COVID-19 INFORMATION | Johns Hopkins University has moved into Phase 3 of its reopening plan and intends to be substantially back to normal this fall. Please visit the JHU Coronavirus Information website regularly for major changes and updates. Given the rise in COVID-19 cases in Maryland associated with the delta variant, the university has reinstated its indoor masking mandate, regardless of vaccination status, effective Thursday, Aug. 5. More information |
 ::: NEUROSCIENCE BS/MS INFO SESSION  
**SEPTEMBER 14TH**

Are you interested in pursuing career opportunities in Neuroscience but can’t decide if research is for you? Have you thought about MD/PhD or PhD programs as a next step? Please join us for an information session about the Neuroscience BS/MS Program.

The session will be led by Dr. Jay Baraban, Program Director, and Dr. Jason Trageser, Neuroscience DUS. There will also be several alumni of the Neuroscience BS/MS program that will be telling their stories about how this Program prepared them for opportunities after JHU.

The Info Session will take place on **Tuesday, September 14th** starting at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please RSVP to Hope Fisher who will provide the Zoom link for the info session.

::: NU RHO PSI

Welcome back NRP Members!!

The first general body meeting will be held **VIRTUALLY** on Thursday, September 9th at 9:00 p.m. EST. The Zoom link will be provided. The other meetings during the semester will be in-person meetings but updates will be provided as we get further information from the University. Please make sure to attend this first meeting for upcoming NRP activities for the Fall 2021 semester.

::: ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OFFICE HOURS

Due to the Homewood campus current COVID-19 situation, the Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology administrative office will have abbreviated office hours. Our administrative office will be open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. during the Fall 2021 semester. These hours are subject to change due to the changing conditions of delta variant of COVID.

As always, you can email Linda or Kelly with any questions at linda.m.white@jhu.edu or KellyT@jhu.edu.

::: NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH AND SCI COMM INFORMATION

To make it easier for students looking for research, an information sheet has been put together to answer some questions regarding Neuroscience research and the types of research that are accepted. There is also information on how to find a lab and how to register for research and taking Scientific Communication.

::: FALL 2021 DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

Are you graduating this Fall and interested in applying for Departmental Honors?

You will be receiving an email soon if you meet the first criteria – a 3.5 cumulative GPA. The next step is to organize your honors packet and email it to Linda M. White.

**Honors Packet should include:**

- Proof of a 3.5 Core GPA by way of the GPA Worksheet (this can be found on the Honors webpage)
- 9 credits of required research
- Unofficial Transcript
- Proof of a Scientific Presentation (URS or DREAMS)
- Letter of Recommendation from you PI

More information can be found on the [Neuroscience website](#).

Please note this packet needs to be turned in by **Friday, October 8th at 4:00 pm**.

**LIFE DESIGN**  
**KAREN MARDOCK,**  
**LIFE DESIGN EDUCATOR**

Welcome Back! The [Life Design Lab](#) is currently gearing up for fall with a wide array of virtual programming, and we hope you will join us. I am looking forward to helping you find inspiration and get connected with mentors and opportunities. Be on the lookout for emails from me!

I will be staffing KSAS office hours from 3pm – 5pm on Tuesdays. You can find me [in this Zoom space](#) at that time. If that time does not work for you, email me at kmardoc1@jhu.edu to arrange a meeting.

**STUDENT INVOLVEMENT FAIR**  
**SEPTEMBER 3rd!**

The Leadership, Engagement & Experiential Development office (LEED; formally Student Leadership and Involvement (SLI)) is excited to bring you the Fall 2021 Student Involvement Fair in person! Start your student engagement journey and connect with student organizations and university departments.

This virtual event is scheduled for Friday, September 3rd, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. with active representation from clubs/groups participating in chats or in a video meeting room where you can meet face-to-face. Please make sure to [RSVP](#) for this event to learn about student organizations!

**RE-BRANDING UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM NOW CALLED DREAMS**  
**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

The Nu Rho Psi’s Undergraduate Research Symposium, which is usually held in the Fall semesters for students to present their research, is now handled by the HOUR Office! Students now have two opportunities through the HOUR Office in presenting your research or to fulfill your scientific presentation for Neuroscience Departmental Honors.

This virtual event is tentatively scheduled for October 18th thru 22nd. There will still be a guest speaker for this virtual event. Dr. Kirsten Bohn, Chair and Director of Undergraduate Studies, will be presenting her research from her Batlab, which is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 18th with her presentation starting at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom.

More information regarding this week will be forthcoming.
### REGISTRAR’S OFFICE

The last day to add course is **Friday, September 10th at 4:30 p.m.** Requests for assistance with registration processes, including add, drop, withdrawal and special permissions, should be submitted using the contact form.

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**PURA** is the Provost’s Undergraduate Research Award. **Provost Joseph Cooper (1991-1995)** established the PURA program in 1993 with a generous endowment by the **Hodson Trust**. The program was created to support and encourage Hopkins undergraduate students to engage in independent research, scholarly and creative projects.

**Program Details:**
- **Award type:** individual award
- **Award amount:** $3000 per recipient
- **Opens for applications:** June 1
- **Deadline to apply:** September 1 (11:59 pm)
- **Award announced:** on or about October 15
- **Length of award:** 1 year from award date

**PROPOSAL GUIDELINES**

Questions? Please review the FAQs below and contact **HOUR@jhu.edu** with other questions.

### CONFERENCE ROOM

The Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology Conference Room will be re-opened during the Fall 2021 semester.

The availability of the Conference Room for the week can be found [HERE](www.jhu.edu). We will also be posting a sign on the door when the room is in use. Due to the ongoing COVID situation, social distancing is the rule for use of the conference room.

**Note:** Please be sure to leave the conference room in better shape then you found it.

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