

Jack O'Lantern Brain!

#### PLEASE READ THE WEEKLY EMAIL!!!!!

The Weekly Email will be sent out <u>every Monday</u> to keep you informed of what is going on with the Neuroscience Program and on campus.

News and Upcoming Events: October 27th - Nov 2nd

# Fall 2025 TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION

Undergraduate Neuroscience Program students can now apply for travel grants to support students presenting research at conferences, covering expenses such as hotel, transportation, food, and membership fees, with reimbursements up to \$1,000. The Neuroscience Program provides students with an opportunity to attend the annual <u>Society for Neuroscience Conference</u> that will be held in San Diego, California on Saturday November 15-19.

#### Deadline to apply for the grant is November 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm ET.

\*Note that if a single piece of the application process is incomplete/missing you will not be eligible for consideration after November 7th.

If you are interested in applying, click <u>here</u> for more information. Read everything in the linked page carefully before applying. Once you are ready to apply submit the <u>application</u>. DO NOT forget to have your PI send a letter of support to Dr. Trageser directly. The letter must be received no later than November 7<sup>th</sup>.

### SPRING 2026 REGISTRATION

Are you preparing for your Spring 2026 course schedule? Courses will go live on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

In your preparation:

- You will want to check out the approved upper levels prior to registration. Be sure to check Teacher Course Evaluations when preparing your schedule.
- Meet with your faculty mentor.

Undergraduate registration opens at 7:00 a.m. on each respective day:

	November 7: Seniors
	November 10: Juniors
	November 12: Sophomores
	November 14: Freshmen
	Continuous registration is available through 12 p.m. on January 31
ONE NEURO	Attendance is open to the broader neuroscience community; no
STUDENT TALKS	<b>RSVP is required.</b> Please come out to support your fellow graduate students!
WEDNESDAY	If you're a graduate student interested in giving a talk to your peers, please sign up to give a talk here. All Johns Hopkins graduate students
October 29 <sup>th</sup>	in any grad program doing neuro-related research across the full
12pm - 1pm Mudd 100	spectrum of neuro topics, including systems, circuits, computational, cellular, molecular, behavioral, & cognitive neuroscience, neuroengineering, and neurobiology of disease, are invited to give a seminar. Student seminars will be 20-25 minutes in length, covering the research topic of their choice, and can be as informal or formal as the student prefers. Seminars will take place monthly on Wednesdays from 12:00pm-1:00pm, with plans for two speakers per session. Questions? Let us know!
	Looking forward to seeing you there!



**GOING BATTY!** 

**OCTOBER 31** 

DUNNING HALL RM 414

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM



Our Behavioral Bio buddy Doh will be *IN COSTUME* on the fourth floor of Dunning from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM with Dr. Bohn (note: Halloween

IS BAT DAY! so she'll be ready too). Come see, pet, and give Dodo a treat!

#dohthedobie



### **SUMMER**

#### **PURA**



PURA was created to assist and encourage Hopkins undergraduates' students to continue or begin independent research, scholarly and creative projects with our amazing university mentors over the summer and without curricular obligations inhibiting full-time effort.

The application portal for the Summer PURA will open on **November 1, 2025**. The Summer PURA offers \$6,000 per award recipient. The research will take place 10 weeks over the summer. For more information about the program and the application, please click this link.

# MANDATORY FLU VACCINE

Participation in the flu vaccination program is required by <u>JHU</u> <u>policy</u> for Johns Hopkins University faculty and staff. Deadlines:

- Friday, October 31: For anyone seeking a new medical or religious exception, please submit a request through the <u>Vaccine Management System (VMS)</u>. You do not need to reapply if you were granted an exception last year.
- Friday, November 21: Vaccination must be received, and documentation must be submitted in VMS.
- Walgreens Pharmacy: Access a voucher in <u>VMS</u> to receive a vaccine at a Walgreens Pharmacy convenient to you.

Faculty and staff receiving their flu vaccination at any of the above locations will automatically have their vaccination records submitted to VMS and do not need to take any further action.

# GREY MATTERS A NEUROSCIENCE MAGAZINE

Grey Matters is a neuroscience magazine focused on making the field more accessible and enjoyable for everyone- not just those in academia. Each semester our team writes, edits, and publishes articles that are shared on our website.

Whether it's a recent publication or expanding on something that intrigued you in class, Grey Matters is a perfect way to explore your interests and share them with a wider audience. Members also participate in journal clubs to improve their scientific communication and presentation skills.

If you are interested in joining our team, please reach out to greymattersjhu@gmail.com to get involved!

# The Commons Group



**The Commons Group**, a student-led, non-partisan health policy think tank founded by Hopkins students

team is collaborating directly with the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) DC Policy Office on a policy brief examining Affordable Care Act \$6001. Our analysis explores how these regulations affect access, quality, and competition in healthcare, issues central to the future of patient-focused care.

Building on this, we're now exploring medical debt in Maryland, where hospitals have sued patients for unpaid bills. As a next step, we're evaluating models like a medical debt service desks or legal clinics to strengthen patient protection and community trust.

This has been our pilot semester, and in the upcoming term, we'll be expanding into multiple new policy and civil-service projects, combining rigorous research with direct community engagement.

If you're passionate about health policy, research, law, economics, or social impact, we'd love to have you involved. Whether your interests are in writing, analysis, communications, or community work, there's a role for you to shape real-world policy outcomes.

### Interest Form: https://forms.gle/QRn1W12netC5joTY6

Please feel free to forward this to anyone who might be interested. We're looking for motivated students from all departments who want to make policy more accessible, equitable, and humane.

### FACULTY ADVISORS

### OFFICE HOURS

#### **FALL 2025**

# Below are the office hours for your faculty advisor for the Fall 2025 semester:

- Dr. Jay Baraban by appointment
- Dr. Vikram Chib by appointment
- Hope Fisher –Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. via <u>SignUpGenius</u>; Dunning 434A
- Dr. Hey-Kyoung Lee by appointment
- Dr. Michael McCloskey by appointment
- Dr. Shreesh Mysore by appointment
- Dr. Robert Ross Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.,
   Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Dunning 418A
- Dr. Dani Smith -Mondays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Dunning 416B
- Dr. Jason Trageser Mondays, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. and by appointment; Dunning 434C
- Dr. Susanne Sterbing-D'Angelo Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Dunning 418B
- Dr. Haiqing Zhao- By appointment

# ONENEURO STUDENT TALKS

The OneNeuro Student Talks committee is recruiting speakers for this year's series. If you're a graduate student, 2nd year or higher, interested in giving a talk to your peers and the Hopkins community, please sign up to give a talk here. All Johns Hopkins graduate students, in any graduate program, doing neuro-related research

across the full spectrum of neuro-related topics, including systems, circuits, computational, cellular, molecular, behavioral, & cognitive neuroscience, neuro-engineering, and neurobiology of disease, are invited to give a seminar. Student seminars will be 20-25 minutes on the research topic of their choosing, and they can be as informal or formal as the student would like them to be. Seminars will take place monthly on Wednesdays from 12:00pm-1:00pm, with plans for two speakers per session.

Projects and students at all stages are welcome! We want to emphasize that this series isn't only for polished publication-ready talks!

https://forms.office.com/r/GTjpmYevpF

# CONFERENCE ROOM

The availability of the Neuroscience Program Conference Room for the week can be found <u>HERE</u>. We will also be posting a sign on the door when the room is in use.

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

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