



Student Enrichment Opportunities Office NEWSLETTER

Meetings, Scholarships and Educational Opportunities

The Biological and Biomedical Sciences Program (BBSP) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH) will host its annual **BBSP Preview Weekend on September 10-12, 2020**. This event is a great opportunity for your scholars and other students from underrepresented groups to learn about the [BBSP](#) and its [14 affiliated biomedical PhD programs](#). Participants will meet with faculty and T32 Directors, current PhD students, and staff to learn more about the BBSP and other research/training opportunities available at UNC-CH, including our [UNC IMSD](#) program. Participants will also receive individual guidance for enhancing the competitiveness of their graduate school applications.



As a national leader in research and training, UNC ranks 17th nationally for NIH research funding and 8th in federal obligations for fellowships, traineeships and training grants. *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* recently (December 2019) ranked UNC Chapel Hill 1st nationally for PhD completion by African-American scholars in the biological and biomedical sciences, 8th nationally for PhD completion (in these fields) by Hispanic scholars, and 3rd nationally for total minority PhD completion in the biological and biomedical sciences ([link to website](#)). This achievement highlights the fact that graduate programs in the biomedical and biological sciences embrace diversity of both people and thought, and our trainees from underrepresented (UR) groups are successful leaders and researchers throughout the scientific enterprise.

Please share this email and the attached postcard with your scholars (and colleagues) and encourage them to learn more about the BBSP Preview Weekend and to apply at <http://bbsp.unc.edu/admissions/preview-weekend/>. **The application deadline is 11:59 pm EST on August 10, 2020.** If you or your scholars need additional information or have questions, please do contact us at bbssp@unc.edu or 919-843-6960.

[CSUPERB: How to be an Anti-Racist Scientist Webinar](#)

July 15, at 10:00 am. (about one hour)

In light of the recent killings of Black Americans and the protests that erupted after, it is clear the time to eradicate racism is now. The webinar will consist of a short introduction on some of the data surrounding the unequal treatment of Black Americans at the hands of police to contextualize the recent violence and its relevance to those in STEM. As we plan out the next academic year, we will provide educational programming through webinars, and other means throughout the year, using scientific data to provide context to the racial inequality in America. In addition, we will provide resources to equip PI's, mentors and students to better navigate this topic. We will be a place of safety where those affected by racism can speak openly and heal. The biotechnology community is not immune from racism; we have much work to do.

Registration link:

http://click.revue.email/ss/c/i4W3jH19ejJsNqtlezSp02fue2qNsfdMMBE-pcLu0BekXHRgLg6FNDIWM14QRf8eAnlJcB1Arz6GfRG_CHKee8hnV0ZCGVkhBShnHNmIa0Elx3kWTca76c0wFkZJ6wEHVtL1MlpRUZGfFvrLzHd0fZjv3X4xUf7m4whvPqohRJBp00bwZUUNfVSIBsAANMq2dU87KwHSscVYGAjEFDgHaXmJzapE_LwDmg57miUW_S9l0vze2ZY-IWqgpXTVQiFWObrfODy_e-EkEy3HznsMA/32y/7NayLMziRvygpW3YXowymg/h19/5ssxR-W2z74A14PuAD8QG53M9VBWjm5q9Qj80xDoel

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Hello students!

We have reassessed our Fall Recruiting and Admissions calendar and have decided to **move PIBS Preview to October 28-30, 2020.**

As previously announced, this year's PIBS Preview will be fully virtual and allow participants to join from almost any geographic location. We do not normally make multiple changes to upcoming hosted events, but 2020 has certainly not been a normal year. We appreciate your flexibility.

These new dates fall between the SACNAS Conference (October 22-24) and the ABRCMS Conference (November 11-14) and hopefully will allow our attendees to optimize their graduate program exploration.

As a reminder, the deadline to submit all materials is **July 31, 2020**. Feel free to encourage your students to visit our event [webpage](#) and open an online application.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions.

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