



Student Enrichment Opportunities Office NEWSLETTER

Meetings, Scholarships and Educational Opportunities

2020 SACNAS
The National Diversity
in STEM Conference
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In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, SACNAS is actively looking for ways to support our students. For this reason we've made the following adjustments to these programs:

DEADLINE EXTENDED:

Application deadline for travel scholarships and research presentations is extended to **July 10, 2020** at 5pm PT.

ELIGIBILITY:

- All undergraduate, postbac, graduate students, and postdocs are eligible to apply for [research presentations](#) now through July 10.
- All undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply for [travel scholarships](#) now through July 10.
- Temporarily extending all paid member benefits to our free SACNISTA-level members. You do not need to purchase a student-level membership to access these applications. Simply [sign-up for a SACNISTA-level membership](#).

We will be accepting applications and sending them to reviewers on a rolling basis. Thus, if you would like to hear about your application status sooner, **we recommend that you do not wait until July 10 to submit your application**. Visit 2020sacnas.org for details.

Marion B. Sewer Distinguished Scholarship for Undergraduates

The [Marion B. Sewer Distinguished Scholarship for Undergraduates](#) offers financial support to students who demonstrate an interest in the fields of biochemistry and molecular biology and enhance the diversity of science.

Applications by individuals from underrepresented groups are encouraged, although all qualified applicants will be considered without regard to race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin.

The deadline is **June 1**.

About the scholarship: The scholarship provides up to \$2,000 toward undergraduate tuition costs for one academic year and can be applied to fall or spring tuition of the year after scholarship award notification.

Number of awards: Up to five scholarships will be awarded each academic year.

Application criteria:

- U.S. citizen, U.S. national or permanent resident at the time of application. Students with DACA status also are eligible. Foreign nationals in the U.S. on a visa are not eligible.
- Enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student at an accredited two- or four-year institution located in the U.S. or U.S. territories.
- Have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours (or equivalent).
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Be an ASBMB member at the time of application. Undergraduates can join the ASBMB either directly or by joining an ASBMB Student Chapter at a participating institution.
- Recipients are eligible to apply for an additional scholarship in subsequent academic years.

About Marion Sewer (1972–2016)



Marion Sewer, a professor of pharmacology at the University of California, San Diego, was an international leader in the field of steroid hormone biosynthesis. Marion was a role model for students at all stages and was deeply committed to service within the scientific community. Among her many roles, she served on study sections for the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation, and she was the deputy chair of the American Society for Biochemistry

and Molecular Biology's minority affairs committee. Marion's passion for increasing diversity and inclusion within science was evident in the many articles she wrote on the topic for the ASBMB's member magazine, [ASBMB Today](#).

[Learn how you can donate to the Marion Sewer Scholarship fund here.](#)

U of Washington 2020 Summer Institutes

Online - July 13-31

Registration now open ([Link here](#))
Accepting scholarship applications for SISG and SISMD

Registration is now open for the 2020 Summer Institutes!

As announced earlier, the 2020 Summer Institutes will be online. We are excited about the potential and accessibility of a virtual event and look forward to providing high-quality, online learning experiences for all participants.

Check out the 45+ modules being offered in:

- [Statistical Genetics \(SISG\)](#)
- [Statistics and Modeling in Infectious Diseases \(SISMD\)](#)
- [Statistics for Big Data \(SISBD\)](#)
- [Statistics for Clinical & Epidemiological Research \(SISCR\)](#)

Scholarships

Scholarship applications are now being accepted for SISG and SISMD. Graduate students attending a U.S. college or university are eligible to apply for up to three modules. Graduate students and postdocs are eligible for SISMD scholarships. Application deadline is **May 30**.

The goal of Summer Institutes is to strengthen the technical proficiency and career preparation of scholars from all backgrounds, especially those from groups historically underrepresented in STEM such as racial and ethnic minority groups, low income, first generation college students, veterans, and differently abled and 2SLGBTQ groups.

We are thrilled to invite your junior and senior undergraduate students to attend our virtual *Graduate Admissions Workshop*. Hosted by the Texas A&M University Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics, these weekly lectures will address common questions, dispel myths, and discuss strategies for submitting a strong graduate school application. In this 10-week series, they will learn about the application process – from submission to interview – from the Associate Head of Graduate Studies, Prof. Jean-Philippe Pellois. The Chair of Graduate Admissions, Prof. Tatyana Igumenova, will tell them what her committee looks for in a stand-out applicant. As a bonus, they will also get tips for applying to prestigious federal fellowships from Prof. Gary Kunkel, a long-time NSF-GRFP reviewer.

Dates: Fridays, May 29 to July 31

Time: 2:00pm–2:30pm CST

Location: Virtual! Zoom details will be provided.

The best part? The workshop is **100% free**. Students can register [here](#) or visit our [website](#) to learn more.

If you have students interested in biomedical research, please let them know that the Program in Biomedical Sciences (PIBS), the Postbac Research Education Program (PREP), and the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) will be hosting our annual **Summer Research Open House virtually** on **Monday, June 22, 2020 from 10:30am-1:00pm** on our brand new [Summer Research Open House Website](#).

This event is normally held on campus in Ann Arbor. However, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have reimagined our Summer Research Open House into a fully virtual experience for this year.

Although not all of our attendees will be able to experience the campus in person, our virtual format will allow us to deliver a high quality experience to a broader audience and share substantial information about graduate training at Michigan through program overviews, research presentations, and additional content.

Attendees can expect to:

- Learn more about biomedical research and postbac/graduate training at the University of Michigan
 - Receive advice on applying to graduate school
 - Enjoy break out sessions with representatives from the [14 Ph.D. programs](#) that comprise [PIBS](#), as well as [UM PREP](#), [MSTP](#), student organizations, and more
- Please extend this invitation to your students, and others who may be interested, by having them visit our [event page](#) where they can learn more and [RSVP](#).



The UCSF CoLabs is a set of 5 integrated laboratories focusing on leading-edge technologies that provide a new model for core labs and research collaborations within the UCSF community. This innovative concept utilizes the colocalization of experts and specialized equipment to develop novel, transformative methods, and technologies that drive collaboration across a broad range of disciplines.

Candidates must apply for both a CoLabs position through the UCSF campus HR job website and the CoLabs Postbac Research Program by sending the complete application package.

To apply for CoLabs open positions through the UCSF campus HR job portal: [Available CoLabs positions](#)

To apply for the Postbac Research Program, please send the complete application package (containing all 5 items listed below) electronically to [Andrea Barczak](#):

- Completed application form ([download the application](#)), including contact information for 2-3 references
 - CV
- Cover letter (1-page max) - clearly describing your interest, qualifications and experience, career goals, and fit with the program. Applicants are also encouraged to explain how their background or experience could contribute to the diversity of the CoLabs and the biomedical workforce.
 - An unofficial transcript or list of courses and grades (please include cumulative GPA)
- UCSF BrassRing job title and req number (BR number) for the position for which you have applied (if available at time of application)

We hope this message finds you safe and healthy as we head into the summer months!

The PIBS Admissions team has been closely monitoring how the Covid-19 pandemic will affect the upcoming recruitment and admissions season, including our annual **PIBS Preview** visit on **October 7-9, 2020**.

Although we'd love to host PIBS Preview here in Ann Arbor, the pandemic has created a complex set of challenges and public health concerns that make an in person event unlikely. Those same challenges and concerns may still exist this winter, meaning many graduate programs won't be able to host students on their campuses for admission interviews.

To that end, we have reimagined PIBS Preview as a fully online and interactive experience where attendees will have the opportunity to:

- **Learn** more about applying to graduate school, the interview process, and life as a grad student
- **Meet** with faculty, current students, and more
- **Practice** exploring graduate programs and interviewing with faculty in a digital landscape

It is our sincere hope that this new format will not only provide your students with a preview of graduate training at the University of Michigan, but also help prepare them for future virtual interviews and graduate school interactions.

Help us spread the word by encouraging your students to visit our event [webpage](#) and open an online application. The deadline to submit all materials is **July 31, 2020**.

General News and Updates

Check out the May SACNAS newsletter [here](#).

A link to seminars at the UCSF Hellen Diller Comprehensive Cancer Center is here: http://cancer.ucsf.edu/blasts/current_science.html



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