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1. Alzheimer’s Buddies at UCI

Alzheimer’s Buddies at UCI (ABUI) is an organization that is open to students interested in interacting with and forming relationships with individuals who have Alzheimer’s disease living in memory care facilities. We are committed to reliving the social isolation and disengagement experienced by people in the intermediate to late stages of Alzheimer’s Disease. Volunteers will have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Alzheimer’s residents and their families through interacting 1-on-1 with a buddy through activities and conversation.

Volunteer applications are currently open and will close on January 12 at 11:59 pm. If students have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us at uci@alzbuddies.org.

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2. Bio Sci 105 - New Minor and Course Centered on STEM Higher Education Research

UCI has recently created a new undergraduate minor for students interested in conducting research on how to improve STEM teaching and learning. The STEM Higher Education Research minor is geared towards undergraduates majoring in a STEM field and will add a combination of education and social science courses to existing coursework.

One new course associated with the minor is Bio Sci 105 (Introduction to STEM Education Research) which will be offered for the first time this winter. Bio Sci 105 is meant for third year and transfer students who will then have the opportunity to take their additional minor coursework and conduct independent education research guided by a STEM education faculty member during their next two years on campus.

If you have any questions about the course or the minor, please feel free to reach out to Professor Brian Sato (bsato@uci.edu).

3. Pre-Health Clubs - Let us know!

Are you part of a Pre-Health club here on campus? Please let Bio Sci Student Affairs know so you can be included on a master list of UCI Pre Health clubs on the UCI Bio Sci Website!

Fill out this form to let us know about your Pre-Health Club: https://forms.gle/iJhVRdiD9zvJd1Qc8


Apply to be a Bio Sci 2A Peer Discussion Leader (DL) - Wednesday, January 24th, 2024 at 11:59PM

If you want to be more involved in your major and your campus, then apply to be a Bio Sci 2A DL! This leadership opportunity provides you with the chance to share your college experience and insight with first-year Bio Sci students while gaining leadership, communication and public speaking skills! More information can be found in the application at: https://forms.gle/q7sloVQBbJnEG3vG

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Bio 2A Coordinators: Kayla Salemi and Mina Palaniappan at biocoords@gmail.com
5. PAA Applications - Due January 19th!

Interested in becoming a PAA (Peer Academic Advisor) for the School of Biological Sciences?

PAA applications for the 2024-2025 academic year are now open! Eligible Bio Sci undergraduates (current 2nd year and older, with a minimum 3.0 GPA) are encouraged to apply, at https://academicadvising.uci.edu/paa/apply/

The deadline to apply is January 19th, at 11:59 PM.
6. Publication Opportunity for Students - Apply by March 31st!

Ad Anima is a brand-new literary medical journal starting at UCI—it's the first of its kind, providing a space for longer (1,000-7,500 word) creative non-fiction from healthcare trainees and professionals across the country which is both free for readers and affiliated with a university.

If you would like to write for Ad Anima 2024, please check out the submission form (which is also linked below) for more guidance on anonymous submission and our scope. But, in short, if you have an experience in healthcare settings that you think people should hear about, we want to hear from you! The submission form will remain open until March 31st, 2024.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email the Ad Anima team (adanimauci@gmail.com). Thank you, and we hope to read your work soon!

Submission form: https://forms.gle/jKDEhQXKXzEszpSRA

7. OUHSC Biomedical Research Programs - Deadlines Approaching!

We would like to highlight a few biomedical research programs through OUHSC (Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center):

**GPIBS**
The application for our 2024 GPIBS class final deadline, January 14, 2024, is rapidly approaching! If you know of any students interested in pursuing a PhD in the Biomedical Sciences, please encourage them to apply/inquire ASAP. OUHSC is a comprehensive medical campus home to cutting edge research facilities and top-tier scientists. Our 2.5:1 PhD student-to-post-doc ratio equates to students being the major drivers of our research enterprise, as evidenced by our publication numbers (5.3 manuscripts per PhD graduate!).

Interested students can utilize the GPIBS website or reach out to us directly at GPIBS@ouhsc.edu for additional information or questions.

**GPIBS highlights:**
- Stipend – *up to $35,000*
  - Base of $30,000 with up to $5,000 for external fellowship incentives
- Full tuition/fees waiver
- Health Insurance provided
- >95 mentors seeking graduate students

**PREP**
The Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) is an NIGMS-funded program designed to prepare trainees for gaining admission and succeeding in biomedical PhD programs. Whether participants were lacking in research training, had subpar grades, or simply want more experience prior to graduate school, PREP is a great stepping-stone towards a PhD or MD/PhD program. We welcomed our first cohort of participants in June of this year and look forward to recruiting the next group. Application deadline for PREP is in April, so plenty of time to gather materials for this program.

More information can be found at the PREP website or by contacting us at PREP@ouhsc.edu.

**PREP highlights:**
- Compensation - $30,000
- Full tuition/fees waiver
- Health Insurance provided
- $3,000 travel allowance to present research
8. Apply to Teddy Bear Hospital by January 15th!

Apply NOW to Teddy Bear Hospital USA at UCI! Link to apply is here. We recommend students apply by Monday, January 15th at 11:59 PM.

Check out our booth at Winter Creatives Fair on Wednesday and Thursday, January 17th and 18th, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Pacific Ballroom ABCD at UCI Student Center.

9. BEI UCI Med Student Panel - January 19th

Brain Exercise Initiative (BEI) is a UCI student-run, non-profit organization that uses math, reading, and writing as a form of cognitive development for the elderly. It is found that these simple cognitive exercises can have a positive impact on memory for those with Alzheimer’s.

Join us for our first UCI medical student panel + mixer! There will be a $5 entrance fee, and Mendocino Farms will be provided for dinner. Please RSVP by Jan. 14th at 11:59pm, and email us at bei@uci.edu or DM us at @bei.uci on Instagram if you have any questions.

**Event Date:** Jan. 19th (Fri) at 6-8pm  
**Location:** Doheny Beach B in the Student Center  
**RSVP by Jan. 14th:** tinyurl.com/fsz4djk
10. TriBeta at UCI - First Meeting January 11th

Beta Beta Beta (Tri Beta) at UCI is a biological sciences honor society with the objective of supporting undergraduate students interested in biological studies and scientific research. The primary goal of Tri Beta is to create a network of students who will cultivate each other’s interest in biology and research. We seek to introduce students to scientific discoveries pertaining to biology, and to encourage students to make their own discoveries through research. The chapter will support students by offering the opportunity to apply for research grants, promoting biological research, and publicizing the scientific discoveries they have made. Additionally, the chapter seeks to support its members as student-researchers and future leaders.