

BioRhythms

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Old News

Plant Biologist Search

Over the past two weeks we have had three engaging seminars by plant biologist tenure-track candidates from all over the world. We wanted to thank those of you who were able to attend the seminars on such short notice and to those of you who gave us some great feedback! The high turnout really made a good impression on the visiting candidates. In addition to the seminar, all of the candidates had a chance to meet with the Biology faculty, get a feel for the campus, and explore the town of Grinnell. When we hear back soon from the department about their final decision we will relay that information to you!

Upcoming Events

T-shirts

We have come up a final design for the biology t-shirt and will be ordering them soon after winter break (Design shown below). If you are studying abroad next semester and are interested in purchasing a t-shirt please let us know before you leave.

EKI Candidate Searches

We know this is a really busy time in the semester, but we wanted to bring your attention to something else that has been happening over the past few weeks. Grinnell College is currently looking to hire the first two faculty members as part of the expanding knowledge initiative. One of these positions is for an earth systems scientist and the second position is for a geographer. While one candidate for each position came this past week, more candidates will be coming in the coming weeks so stay tuned! If you want to know more about EKI please check out the following website: <http://www.grinnell.edu/offices/dean/eki/>.

Summer Research

It's that time of the year again! Yes, I am talking about summer research deadlines. It is time to start thinking about summer research opportunities and to help you out your BioSEPC has decided to put together a list of Grinnell students you can contact. Email them to find out how they picked their program and whether or not they would recommend it to others. For those of you new to the research game, summer research is a valuable experience. Doing summer research can help you decide whether or not to attend graduate or medical school after Grinnell, and also looks great when applying!! If you are thinking that you can't afford to do summer research, remember that many programs cover travel expenses, housing, and food. Most programs also provide summer stipends.

Ideas?

If you have ideas for how your BioSEPC can improve BioRhythms, please send them to us at [BioSEPC].

Name of Program	Department	City	State	Country	Grinnellian to Contact	Major
Washington University School of Medicine	Pathology and Immunology	St. Louis	Missouri	U.S.A.	Dan Hardin ('07)	Biology
University of California Irvine Medical School		Irvine	California	U.S.A.	Hanghang Wang ('07)	Biology
Max Delbrueck Center for Molecular Medicine		Berlin		Germany	Hanghang Wang ('07)	Biology
Mayo Clinic Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship		Rochester	Minnesota	U.S.A.	Jaimie Adelson ('07)	Biology
Mayo Clinic Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship					Jon Henry ('07)	BCM
Mayo Clinic Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship					Martha Sampah ('07)	BCM
Mount Sinai School of Medicine Summer Undergraduate Research Program	Biophysics and Structural Biology	New York City	New York	U.S.A.	Jason Cook ('07)	Biology
Coe College Wilderness Field Station		Ely	Minnesota	U.S.A.	Katie Rian ('07)	Biology
Wadsworth Research Experience for Undergraduates	Immunology	Albany	New York	U.S.A.	Nicholas Vitko ('08)	Biology
Wadsworth Research Experience for Undergraduates					Britt Flaherty ('07)	BCM
Temple University School of Medicine	Nephrology	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	U.S.A.	Ali Titiz ('08)	Biology
University of Pennsylvania	Nephrology	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	U.S.A.	Ali Titiz ('08)	Biology
Semester in Environmental Science Program		Woods Hole	Massachusetts	U.S.A.	Angela Vincent ('08)	Biology
Donald Danforth Plant Science Center	Biophysics and Structural Biology	St. Louis	Missouri	USA	Amelia Randich ('08)	BCM
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine SURF		Cincinnati	Ohio	USA	Carter Mason ('08)	BCM
University of Chicago SURP		Chicago	Illinois	USA	Martha Sampah ('07)	BCM

Alumni Insider

Jun Kawasaki: What Graduate Schools are Looking for!

Hi everyone ☺ My name is Jun Kawasaki, and I am currently a first year grad student at Harvard University for my PhD.

My personal feelings about what graduate schools are looking for are the following: 1) Good research experience 2) Good recommendation letters 3) Good GPA (in sciences). I strongly recommend getting as many research experiences as possible, because that is what they are going to ask about during the interview processes. I personally had four total research experiences during my undergrad (two at Grinnell, two at different places), and I recommend that you have at least two. Make sure the person who writes you a recommendation letter knows you VERY WELL and make sure that you establish a good relationship with that person. You need your recommendation letters to stand out from others! Lastly, They don't really care too much about your grades from classes in other divisions (unless you failed or did horribly) but they do care about your overall science GPA!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate contacting me: kawasaki@fas.harvard.edu. Good luck with the rest of the semester!!

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Biology Comic of the Month



Ali's Random Fact of the Month

Yaks

Yak milk is pink!!!

T-shirt Design

