IN THE NEWS

Albany Experts Address Coronavirus Concerns During Campus Town Hall
March 5, 2020

“There are some things that are easy, like not shaking hands, and then more complex things like travel restrictions, tele-schooling, tele-working, canceling big events or other kinds of self-isolation,” said Holtgrave, a nationally recognized public health expert who served as the town hall’s moderator. “Any social distancing is hard because we are naturally social beings and nearly everything we do involves working together as groups and communities... but we have to do intensive planning now so we are ready to implement plans at a moment’s notice.”

RESEARCH DOESN’T STOP

Although our world is halting due to the Coronavirus outbreak, that doesn’t mean research has to! In this March edition, you can find some tips on how to adjust your research project during this social distancing time.

FUNDING >

WE STILL HAVE MONEY TO GIVE

Do you still need money for research?
Are you still partaking in research?
Could funding help you further your interests?
Do you need equipment?
Will funding help you cope with going virtual?
Do you have summer interests that funding can help with?
Student Associations?
I currently work in the Halvorsen Lab on a research project concerned with the Quantification of the free energy of DNA Base-Stacking Interactions. So my lab is 100% working from home right now as the Life Science Research Building has severely restricted access to all the labs. What that means for me is that I’m continuing my work on typing up my honors thesis as well as getting feedback from my research advisor on it over email. We are still having our weekly lab meetings over zoom which is nice as I get to stay in touch with everyone during this crazy time. We’ve all been getting cabin fever and are definitely missing our lab work, but we are doing our best to adjust to the new circumstances that we are faced with until a solution to the pandemic is found.

THOMAS BANCO
Halvorson Lab

Instead of working in Dr. Wolff’s archaeology lab on campus, I’ve been typing up a manuscript for an archaeological report on a dig in Newfoundland. The report details the findings of this dig: after digging the apparent Viking site, layers of native cultural levels were discovered underneath. Although I am no longer working with materials in lab myself, typing up this manuscript for publication is my way of staying involved with research at UAlbany.

MADDIE ILLENBERG
Archaeology Lab

Research doesn’t have to stop!
Ideas/ways to continue your research ~remotely~

- **Online data collection**
  - Can you conduct the project in an online setting using polls, surveys, and email methods?

- **Recruitment**
  - Can you use this time to recruit future research assistants? Reach out to us if your lab is looking for new comers!

- **Analysis**
  - Is there analysis of past data that can be cleaned, coded, analyzed further during this online period?

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**FUNDING**

**WOULD $ HELP YOUR RESEARCH?**

CURCE has funding available for students still partaking in research remotely or otherwise. Please reach out!

**EQUIPMENT**

Could you use an attachment/add on for your laptop/computer set-up? An at-home program for your technologies? If any equipment would make your research from home more productive, please let us know!

**BETTER WORKSPACE**

Now that everyone is home trying to transfer their dorms, apartments, and desks to their bedroom for the most part, would any money CURCE can give you help to improve your home workspace now?

**SUMMER RESEARCH**

Although we aren’t sure what the future holds, if you have summer research you’re counting on, do you need funding for anything regarding summer/future research? Talk with your PI’s!

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**POST AWARD SURVEYS**

You should have gotten an email including the link - search for CURCE
Dear Department Chairs, Assistants to Chairs, Faculty and Administration,

The Center for International Education and Global Strategy is pleased to inform you that the Institute of International Education (IIE), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, is announcing the launch of the AY 2021-2022 Fulbright U.S. Student Program competition on Tuesday, March 31st, 2020. Our University at Albany deadline is Tuesday, September 29th, 2020 and the official national Fulbright deadline is Tuesday, October 13th, 2020.

The COVID-19 challenges for us all have been difficult; however, the Fulbright program for AY 21/22 is business as usual, and we hope that you will encourage your students to apply!

Applicants to the Fulbright U.S. Student Program must be U.S. citizens at the time of application and hold a bachelor’s degree or the equivalent by the beginning of the grant. Advisement begins during the SP 20 semester, for current juniors and seniors, in addition to alumnus.

Please find more information about the programs that our office provides guidance and support for which includes the Fulbright Study/Research Grant, the Fulbright ETA (English Teaching Assistantship) in addition to fully funded M.A. degrees here: http://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/types-of-grants

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U.S. Student Fulbright Scholarship Grant Program

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Contact Jacqueline Ledermann at jledermann@albany.edu

Let Jacqueline know if you know of any students who stand out to you and/or if you'd like to meet with her over Zoom!