

Department of Animal Science Advising Center

Spring Newsletter #3

If you find yourself having trouble figuring out your schedule, are not sure what classes to take or need general advice, come on in and meet with a Peer Adviser. We are experts in scheduling, resolving class conflicts, and are full of good advice.

The Animal Science Advising Center is open M-F 9am-12pm and 1-4pm in 1202 Meyer.

You can also email us at asac@ucdavis.edu or call 530-754-7915.

For more information about Animal Science Advising, be sure to visit our website at asac.ucdavis.edu, and like our Facebook page: [UCD Animal Science Advising Center!](#)

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A. Announcements / Upcoming Events

1. Brace Yourselves: Pass Times are Coming!

- Pass time appointments will be released for both Summer Sessions on **Monday, April 20th**. Pass times will then begin the following week, on **Monday, April 27th**.
 - For students needing to finish Organic Chemistry: CHE 8B will be offered for both Summer Sessions I and II.
 - Important Note: We **highly recommend** having the Organic Chemistry requirement (CHE 8B or 118B) completed prior to taking ABI 102. Organic Chemistry is vital to understanding the material for ABI 102.
- Pass time appointments will be released for Fall 2015 registration on **Monday, May 4th**. Pass times will begin the following week, on **Monday, May 11th**.
 - If you need to adjust your schedule or need help figuring out which classes to take next year, **please make an advising appointment early**. It is especially hectic in our Advising Office during pass times, **we cannot guarantee a last minute appointment on the day of your pass time**.

2. Important Dates for Spring 2015

- As we begin this quarter, it's important to keep certain important dates in mind:
- **Friday, April 24th: 20th Day of Instruction**
 - Last day to drop classes with a 20-day drop deadline
- **Friday, May 1st: 25th Day of Instruction**
 - Last day to opt for P/NP grading. Please note that you CANNOT opt any major courses P/NP, all major requirements and specialization courses must be taken for a letter grade.

3. Want to Get Rid of that Old Textbook? Donate to the Animal Science Advising Library!

- We are working to build a library for current students to use for their Animal Science classes! If you have an old textbook that you do not need or cannot sell, consider donating it to the library to help other students get through their classes!
- To donate your books, bring them to the Animal Science Advising Center.

4. Changes to the VMCAS Vet School Application Cycle!

- If you are applying to vet school this year, keep in mind that VMCAS has completely revised their system!
- The new VMCAS application window for the 2015-2016 cycle opens on **May 13th, 2015**, and closes on **September 15th, 2015**.
- The updated VMCAS application system will also allow you to have contact with the veterinary schools you are applying to, for extra help and support during the application process.

5. Focus On Majors: Animal Science

- All Animal Science majors are invited to join Health Professions Advising, our Animal Science Advisers, and a representative from the UCDSOVM for an information session on strategies for success when applying to vet schools.
- The information session will be held on **Tuesday, April 28th at 12:00 pm** in Meyer Hall 2154 (Weir room).

6. Health Professions Advising: First Year Pre-Health Student Meetings

- There will be two upcoming meetings for first-year students to receive valuable information on becoming a successful pre-health student. Included will be information on how to stay on track and become a competitive applicant for graduate and professional schools.
- Meetings will be held on **Thursday, April 16th and Monday, May 11th at 8:00 pm** in Sciences Lecture Hall 123.

7. Health Professions Advising: Spring Small Group Advising

- There will be several upcoming meetings offered through Health Professions Advising. Here is a list of the upcoming meetings:
 - **Monday, May 4th**: Choosing the Right Schools, 4:00 pm in SLB 2064
 - **Monday, May 18th**: Creating a Plan A and Plan B, 1:00 pm in SLB 3061

8. Walker Academic Advising Award: Now Accepting Nominations

- The Eleanor and Harry Walker Academic Advising Award is awarded to faculty and staff advisers who have demonstrated excellence and innovation in advising.
- Students are encouraged to nominate their CA&ES faculty and staff academic advisers!
- All applications and supporting letters are due by **April 30th** to Carol Simmons at casimmons@ucdavis.edu.
- The nomination form is attached to this email.

B. Internships / Jobs

1. Horse Production/Equine Management: Summer Internship Available

- Blue Sky Morgan Ranch is located in the Northeast corner of California in Modoc County near an entrance to Lava Beds National Monument. It is owned and operated by a UC Davis Animal Science Alumnus, and currently has an open position for a summer intern.

- Room, board, and units are available in exchange for approximately 40 hours per week of ranch work.
- Ranch work will include working with horses (mostly foals and mares), grooming and exercising horses, cleaning stalls, operating tractors and other farm equipment (training provided), dragging of arenas, etc.
- Candidates must have experience working around horses. Duties will be determined by experience level, and applicants with limited riding experience will still be considered.
- Flexible work arrangements are possible, and interns may be responsible for 24 hour periods of ranch care on occasion. Interns will have two days off per week. This is a 12 week position beginning on June 22 and ending on September 11th.
- Candidates should submit a resume along with a written cover letter explaining why the internship interests you. Be sure to include your experience with horses, year in school, and any relevant course work or experience. Candidates must also submit three references, including one from a UC Davis professor.
- Please email all inquiries, resumes, and references to equit8@yahoo.com, or mail them to: P.O. Box 66, Tulelake, CA 96134

2. Farm to Fork Internships near Davis!

- A Singing Frog Farm is offering 3 new internships to teach students about organic agriculture, microgreens, and chicken flocks.
- All majors are welcome, and a small gas stipend will be provided. Internships are located about 30 minutes from Davis.
- For more information, please see the attached document.

3. PhD. Student Assistantships: for Graduating Seniors!

- University of Saskatchewan:
 - A graduate assistantship is available for a highly qualified student to assess methods for on-farm euthanasia of poultry species. This is a multi-disciplinary project, including aspects of behavior, physiology, histology, and anatomy.
 - Students must be eligible for graduate admission to the Department of Animal and Poultry Science at the University of Saskatchewan. This assistantship includes a PhD stipend.
 - To apply, please send a cover letter indicating your motivation and qualifications, along with a CV to Dr. Karen Schwean-Lardner at Karen.schwean@usask.ca. Applications are due by **May 4th, 2015**.
 - For more information about this assistantship, please see the attached PDF.
- University of Guelph
 - Two graduate assistantships available for highly qualified students to assess methods for on-farm euthanasia of poultry species. This is a multi-disciplinary project, including aspects of behavior, physiology, histology, and neuroanatomy.
 - Students must be eligible for graduate admission to Department of Animal and Poultry Science at the University of Guelph. This assistantship includes a stipend of \$21,000 for three years.
 - To apply, please send a cover letter indicating your motivation and qualifications, along with a CV to Dr. Tina Widowski at twidowski@uoguelph.ca. Applications are due by **May 4th, 2015**.
 - For more information about this assistantship, please see the attached PDF.

C. Scholarships

1. 2015 Animal Science Department Scholarship Applications are Now Available!

- The Animal Science Department Scholarships are now open! The deadline to apply for the awards is **Friday, May 1st at 4pm** to the **Animal Science Advising Center (1202 Meyer Hall)**.
- Here is the link to the scholarship applications: <http://asac.ucdavis.edu/scholarships%20and%20awards.htm>. Please read through the criteria before applying.
- Here is a list of the awards:
 - The James Delfino Family Memorial Award - \$1000
 - The Ed DePeters Award - \$1000
 - The Ian Garnett Memorial Award - \$500
 - The Lisa Nash Holmes Award in Animal Science - \$1000
 - This award is also available to graduating seniors who are continuing on to professional or graduate school in the following year, in addition to continuing undergraduates and graduate students.
 - The Oskar Lang Laboratory Animal Science Award - \$1000
 - The Gary P. Moberg Memorial Award - \$500
 - The Ed F. Olivera Sr. Memorial Award - \$1000
 - The Frank G. Rue Memorial Award – Award amounts TBA
- If you have any questions, please contact Emma Martinez at eadmartinez@ucdavis.edu.

2. Syngenta Agricultural Scholarship

- The Syngenta Agricultural Scholarship is available to currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students studying crop-related disciplines.
- Students can apply by submitting a 750-1,000 word essay.
- For scholarship rules and more detailed information, please visit the Syngenta website through the link below: <http://www.syngenta-us.com/scholarships/>
- Applications will be accepted until **May 15th, 2015**

3. AFCEA STEM Teaching Scholarship

- This scholarship is for sophomores and juniors actively pursuing an undergraduate degree, graduate degree or credential/licensure for the purpose of teaching STEM (science, technology, engineering or math) in a U.S. middle or secondary school. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or greater.
- The deadline to apply for this scholarship is **May 1st, 2015**. The award amount is \$5,000.
- To apply, please visit: <http://www.afcea.org/education/scholarships/undergraduate/TeachersScholarship.asp>

“Try not to become a person of success, but rather try to become a person of value.”
-Albert Einstein

I hope you all had a productive week, and have a fantastic (and safe) Picnic Day!

Kathleen Furtado
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