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1. PAA Walk-in Hours for 1st & 2nd Years - Week 9 & 10

Are you a 1st or 2nd year with questions about your Winter 24 schedule?

The Bio Sci Peer Academic Advisors will be hosting Walk-in hours in Week 9 & 10 to help answer your questions. These are 15 minute walk-in appointments. To meet with a PAA, please check in at the front desk of Bio Sci Student Affairs in BSIII and be seen first come, first serve.
2. Upcoming Pre-Health Workshops

- Zoom: December 5th, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Register for a pre-health workshop here.

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/EVzH3q3xJF1z9](https://forms.gle/EVzH3q3xJF1z9)

4. Register for ECP and/or I-STEPS with the International Center!

**ABOUT ECP and I-STEPS:**

- Offered various times per week (weeks 1-10), meet 50-minutes once per week
- Receive 1.3 pass/no pass units
- No exams! All levels of English welcome!

**English Conversation Program [flyer attached]**

English Conversation Program (ECP) is an English improvement and practice course that fosters personal interactions between UCI students of all cultures in a friendly, fun and
Students can participate as:

International Student participants will be able to improve their oral English skills and receive assistance and support from English Facilitators.

OR

English Facilitators are fluent in English and will lead conversations to assist international students.

Interested students may submit an interest form through this link: https://www.tinyurl.com/ECPW24
I-STEPS (flyer attached)

International Students Transitioning to Educational and Personal Success (I-STEPS) is a 10-week course designed to support international students transition to a U.S. culture and university. In the Winter quarter, topics related to Career Development & Preparation will be presented.

Quarter Topics include:

- Resumes/Cover Letter
- Applying for Internships
- Understanding U.S. Employment
- Networking
- Successful Interviews
- And More!

Interested students may submit an interest form through this link: https://www.tinyurl.com/ISTEPSW24

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5. Call for Proposals for the CHOC and UCI Rare Disease Symposium and Family Conference

Several hundred rare advocates, researchers, clinicians, students, and families will gather for CHOC and UCI's Third Annual Rare Disease Symposium and Family Conference to share their research, knowledge, and experiences. This conference will feature the latest developments in diagnosis and treatment of Rare Diseases in Ophthalmology, Sexual Differentiation, Endocrinology, Cardiology, and Hematology, and include presentations by rare families.

Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) and University of California, Irvine (UCI) Health have been jointly designated a National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) Rare Disease Center of Excellence, joining a highly select group of 31 medical centers seeking to expand access and advance care and research for rare disease patients in the United States.

We are now accepting submissions of scientific abstracts in the field of research related to rare disorders for The 3rd Annual CHOC and UCI Rare Disease Symposium & Family Conference scheduled for WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY, MARCH 6 - 8, 2024. Academics, researchers, industry, government agencies, health care professionals, patient groups,
6. Research Assistant Opening for EVOlution, Culture, and Stereotyping (EVOCS) Lab

Some people like planning for the future. Others prefer to live in the moment. Some of us derive happiness from our social relationships, while for others, happiness comes from having wealth. Why do people think and behave in such different ways? One answer is: the environment. In the EVOlution, Culture, and Stereotyping Lab, we examine how various aspects of our ecology, such as population density, infectious diseases, and unpredictability, shape our thinking and behavior. In exploring these questions, we draw upon ideas from a range of disciplines, including evolutionary biology, behavioral ecology, and anthropology.

Research assistants will have the opportunity to be involved in multiple parts of the research process, such as brainstorming and discussing new ideas, literature reviews, designing research studies, & data collection and coding. The weekly hour commitment is about 6-7 hours (predominantly online work), and students would enroll in PSCI 196 (4 units). In the Winter, the lab will meet in-person on Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 pm.

The ideal research assistant will be conscientious, motivated, open to new ideas, and most important of all, be curious. Our lab highly values diversity in ideas and perspectives. Prior research experience is a plus, but not necessary. This position is suited for students who are interested in gaining research experience in evolutionary/social/cultural psychology, or who are interested in pursuing grad school in these areas.

You can submit a research assistant application to the lab [here](https://forms.gle/jEy2pH3gd3xJF15z9).

For any questions, please email the lab manager, Krystina Boyd-Frenkel, at kboydfre@uci.edu.

7. Research Assistant Opening for Dr. Kim’s Health In Context Lab

We are recruiting bilingual student researchers (Mandarin, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog, and/or Japanese) for multiple community-engaged research projects that are looking to further examine the experiences of Asian Americans with advanced metastatic cancer and psychosocial interventions that promote well being. If you are interested in:

- Psychosocial treatment
- The intersection of physical and mental well being
- Culturally shaped interventions
- Collaborating with local community partner organizations
- Working with multi-disciplinary research teams
- Mentorship

The Kim lab, led by Dr. Jacqueline H.J. Kim would be amazing for you! By joining the team you can expect to:

- Do 9-12 hours/week of work to earn credit for a research unit either through BIO SCI or PH
- Perform literature reviews
- Assist with appropriate tailoring of all research materials, including translations and adapting for tailored cultural cues
- Help shape the research project during our lab meetings
- Support recruitment, including developing materials, communicating and scheduling with potential participants
- Join a supportive team with many opportunities for leadership, growth, and mentorship

If you are interested, please fill out our application [form](https://forms.gle/jEy2pH3gd3xJF15z9). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.
8. Participants Needed for Spatial Neuroscience Study!

Dr. Chrastil’s UCI Spatial Neuroscience Lab is studying human path integration, spatial memory, and large scale navigation in complex environments using VR, and they are currently recruiting participants!