Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives

This news blast is published every Friday during the academic year, and information pertaining to the academic experience for undergraduate students will be considered.

Deadline for submission is 12:00 noon on Thursday to oadi_news@cornell.edu

Information sent to any other email address will not be included.

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OADI News and General Announcements

OADI will be closed on Monday, December 4 from 1:00—2:30 pm to participate in the Fall Diversity in Scholarship and Engagement Symposium. Please join us!

The Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment wants to highlight that the financial aid application process for 2018-19 is open and the deadline has changed to March 1, 2018. This year’s aid application requires 2016 federal tax returns. Find details regarding the application process on our website, and view our video about applying for aid at Cornell.

Fall Diversity in Scholarship and Engagement Symposium

The Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives (OADI) and the Graduate School Office of Inclusion and Student Engagement (OISE) invite your participation in celebrating the research and scholarship our growing community of scholars have been engaged in since the summer. Student presentations will be followed by the keynote speech given by Professor Chris Schaffer, Biomedical Engineering, and the event will conclude with a reception, with lunch provided. We encourage you to join us in celebrating the achievements of these upcoming scholars and consider presenting your own research. For questions or accommodation requests please email cdisjprogram.oadi@cornell.edu.

The event will take place on Monday, December 4 in Klarman Hall, Groos Family Atrium.

Time: 1:00—2:30 pm

Let’s Talk is in CCC! “Let’s Talk” is a drop-in service that offers informal, no-commitment FREE consultation with a Cornell Health counselor. Counselor, Wai-Kwong Wong, PhD will be available for walk-ins, in 222B CCC, on Tuesdays from 2:30—4:30 PM. Let’s Talk also available Fridays from 2:30—4:30 PM in 431 Rockefeller Hall with Ginger Villareal Armas, PhD. Learn more about Let's Talk and find other locations here.
Tuesday, December 5, 2017 | 11:00 AM—3:00 PM | 200 Computing & Communications Center (CCC) | OADI Study Break. Please join us for a study break. Lunch provided at 11:45 am.

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 | 5:30—7:30 PM | Sage Chapel | Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Commemoration Event. This annual Commemoration event brings the Cornell campus and Ithaca communities together through a series of events centered on the service, activism, and legacy of Dr. King. This year’s keynote speaker is award-winning author of “The Residue Years” and a prominent advocate for criminal justice reform, Mitchell S. Jackson. He is a faculty member at New York University, in addition to being a fellow with TED, the Lannan Foundation, and the BreadLoaf Conference. We are very excited for his keynote address, "From Prison to Pen: Continuing the Dream"! Light dinner will be provided. RSVP here to attend.

Campus and Community Partners

**Student Development Diversity Initiatives (SDDI) welcomes you!** Our mission is to support students in the development of their social and cultural identities. We are proud to carry out identity work with a focus on race and ethnicity where we consciously embrace the intersectionality of our students’ identities, including gender, sexuality, ability, class, and first generation status. We are located at 626 Thurston Ave. alongside A3C and the LGBT RC, and additional building resources include laptop rentals, study spaces, meeting rooms, free printing, “Let’s Talk” (Thursdays 3—4:30), and one-on one advisement. Learn more about what we do here.

The following free, drop-in services is held at the Tatkon Center, S. Balch Hall:

- **Biology Course Tutoring:** Sundays, 3:30—7:30 PM
- **Chemistry Course Tutoring:** Sundays, 3:30—7:30 PM
- **The Knight Institute Writing Centers:** Sundays—Thursdays, 7:00—10:00 PM
- **Multi-lingual Writing Tutoring for Non-native English Speakers:** Sundays, Mondays, & Tuesdays, 7:30—10:00 PM
- **Let’s Talk:** Mondays, 2:30—4:30 PM
- **Study Skills Tutors:** Tuesdays 12:00—1:00 PM, and Wednesdays & Thursdays 7:30—9:30 PM
- **Math Tutors:** Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 7:30—9:30 PM
- **Let’s Meditate:** Tuesdays, 9:00—9:30 PM
- **Economics Drop-In Tutoring for 1000- to 4000-level courses:** Fridays, 3:30—5:30 PM

Greetings from Cornell Health! Cornell Health is committed to providing a welcoming and affirming environment for all students. We provide medical care, counseling and psychiatry services, and pharmacy services for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students on Cornell’s Ithaca campus, plus select services for other Cornell community
members. Learn more about who we are, our services, our hours, and how to schedule an appointment. Follow us on Twitter at @CornellHealth.

**Thursdays 12:00—1:00 PM | Study Break Nature Walk!** Research shows spending quality time in nature boosts your physical, emotional, and mental health. Take a productive study break to join NatureRx on a beautiful nature walk for improved cognitive functioning and focus, a happier mood, a decrease in stress, and a healthier self! We cover a different trail every week and **meet at Mann 102.** Find out more about NatureRx here.

**Saturday, December 2, 2017 | Bailey Hall | Carnaval.** Sabor Latino Dance Ensemble completes their 25th Anniversary this year. In celebration, we present to you our 25th Annual Concert: Carnaval. Doors open: 6:00 pm, Show Starts: 7:00 pm. [Pre-sale tickets $7 here](#), $10 at the door. Our dance performances include Salsa, Bachata, Merengue, Funk, Cha-cha, Reggaeton, Bellydance and Dominican Palos. Come join us for an exciting night. ¡Que comience la fiesta! Contact Isaiah Murray at 210-213-1594 with questions.

**Sunday, December 3, 2017 | 3:30—5:00 PM | Tatkon Center | Doggies Visit the Tatkon Center.** Cornell Guiding Eyes for the Blind will again be bringing dogs to the Tat to give you a fun study break and help you feel paws-itive!

**Wednesday, December 13, 2017 | 2:00—3:00 PM | 3rd Floor Kennedy Hall | Breakfast or Afternoon Coffee at the Engaged Cornell Hub.** Drop by for a casual conversation, get your questions answered, and connect with Engaged Cornell Hub staff and student Engaged Ambassadors over a light breakfast or afternoon coffee. Open to all students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community partners. For more information, contact engagedleadership@cornell.edu. On the third floor of Kennedy Hall, the Hub houses nine programs and units that support Cornell’s mission of public engagement. In this open and collaborative space, students, faculty, staff and community partners can learn more about and become involved in a variety of engagement opportunities on and off campus.

**Friday, April 6—Saturday April 7, 2018 | The Westin Copley Place, Boston, MA | 2018 Biomedical Science Careers Student Conference.** We are seeking underrepresented minority students, particularly African-American, Hispanic/Latino or American Indian/Alaska Native, who are seriously interested in or currently studying medicine, biomedical science or other science-related fields, such as chemistry, physics, biology, engineering, biotechnology, public health, allied health, or environmental science. The aim of this conference is to provide students with an opportunity to network with advisors/role models from the basic and clinical sciences, medicine, public health, academia, and the biopharmaceutical industry. **There is no fee to attend, but a four page application is required.** Interested students should contact Lisa D. Kay to request an application. Application deadline: February 5, 2018.

**Sunday, April 8, 2018 | 7:45 AM—4:15 PM | Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA | New England Science Symposium.** We are seeking fellows/students (particularly African-American, Hispanic/Latino & American Indian/Alaska Native individuals) involved in biomedical or health-related scientific research who would benefit from presenting their
research projects at the seventeenth annual New England Science Symposium (NESS). There is no registration fee for this symposium, but pre-registration is required. The symposium will offer opportunities for students to network with professionals from biopharma companies, academic institutions and the National Institutes of Health. The deadline to submit abstracts is January 4, 2018. Submit abstracts and register here. For more information, please contact Rodolfo Ramos at rodolfo_ramos@hms.harvard.edu or 617.432.5580.

**Thursday, March 8—Sunday, March 11, 2018 | Graduate Student Diversity Recruitment Weekend.** Are you considering graduate school in the biological sciences? We are seeking students from underrepresented backgrounds (including underrepresented minorities, first-generation students, low income, people with disabilities, LGBTQA) that are interested in applying for graduate school during the 2018-2019 application cycle, to spend a weekend learning about the graduate school application process and building professional connections with faculty members that share research interests. **Participant housing and meals will be provided, as well as up to $600 in travel expenses. The application deadline is December 1, 2017.** Visit www.inclusivecornell.org for more information and to apply.

**Internships and Opportunities**

**OADI’s Scholarship & Internship Database |** Looking for a scholarship or internship? OADI has sourced many opportunities to help guide you in your search! To access the database, click here.

**Calling students and recent grads! |** Cisco is seeking a new innovative solution to leverage technology for social impact. With digitization and the Internet of Things connecting more devices and data than ever before, good ideas now have the ability to make a difference more quickly than ever before. Cisco’s Global Problem Solver Challenge application is now open. Grand prize for breakthrough technology is $100,000, with runner up prizes of $75,000, $25,000, and $10,000. Read more here and apply by January 12, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

**Cornell’s Public Service Center (PSC) is seeking tutors & mentors! |** PSC’s K-12 Outreach Programs want motivated and dedicated individuals to provide tutoring and/or mentoring assistance to support local elementary, middle, and high school students. **Tutors and mentors will work with predominantly low-income, first generation, or underrepresented students enrolled in one of the following programs: Upward Bound, STEP, American Reads and America Counts, or 21st Century Community Learning Center REACH.** Make a difference for local kids—apply today! Apply here.

**Hosts Needed for the 2018 Latinx Ivy League Conference! |** Cornell will be hosting the 2018 Latinx Ivy League Conference from March 9—11, 2018! We are looking for hosts to house students from other Ivy League schools, throughout the duration of the conference. **You must live on campus to host.** If interested, please fill out this form.

**Apply to be a Big Brother or Sister! |** Ithaca Youth Bureau is seeking One on One Big Brothers and Big Sisters for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ithaca and Tompkins County. Contact Program Coordinator Joe Gibson at 607-273-8364 ext. 144, or jgibson@cityofithaca.org.
American Indian and Indigenous Studies (AIIS) Program: Tutoring Program. | Student-to-student opportunity at Lafayette High School, Onondaga Nation. Van leaves from Akwe:kon (North Campus) Wednesdays at 2:30 PM. Snacks provided! For more information contact Margit Chamberlain at mc682@cornell.edu.

Become a Public Service Scholar! Expand your knowledge of social issues through related courses and community-based research projects. Cultivate an understanding of social advocacy and gain real-world experience in working with agencies or grassroots projects that inform scholarship and put scholarship into action. The program is open to full-time Cornell undergraduate students who have at least 3 semesters remaining or will be enrolling in Cornell’s Master Programs and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Each Scholar is provided with faculty and/or staff mentorship, and up to a total of $1,500 to support the student’s community-based research project. Read more & apply here by December 1, 2017. For more information, contact Professor Darlene Evans, Faculty Director, at dme27@cornell.edu, or Amy Somchanhmavong at ayk3@cornell.edu.

Goldwater Scholarship | Undergraduate scholarships of up to $7,500 for U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are sophomores and juniors in STEM majors with 1) significant research experience; 2) a minimum GPA of 3.85; and 3) the ultimate goal of obtaining a Ph.D. More information here. If interested, contact CLL4@cornell.edu. Application due January 5, 2018.

Latino/a Studies Research Grants | Undergraduate and Graduate Research Grants are available to students who wish to engage in research projects whose ultimate goal is to enhance the understanding and knowledge of the Latina/o experience in the United States. Preference is given to registered Latina/o Studies minors for these awards. Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis and must be received at least 4 weeks before travel. Click here for more information.

Engaged Cornell Grant RFPs are now open! | View opportunities for faculty & staff here and grants for students here.

Certificate in Engaged Leadership | To start the Certificate in Engaged Leadership, attend one of our hour-long orientations, offered six times each semester. Dinner provided. When you leave, you will be pursuing the certificate! For students who want to turn their interest into involvement. For students already committed to community engagement or exploring/new to Cornell. Register to ensure a seat. For more information, contact us at engagedleadership@cornell.edu.

Summer Internships with NY State Aerospace Industry! | The New York State Grant Consortium anticipates funding undergraduate students for summer 2018 internships with various aerospace companies within NY State. To be eligible for NY Space Grant funding, a full-time student must be (1) a United States citizen, (2) a New York state resident or attend a New York college/university, and (3) majoring in STEM (science, technology, engineering, or math). Additional eligibility requirements exist for each internship opportunity. Women and students from underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply. Find out more about the

**Looking for a rewarding summer job in Ithaca?** Cornell Upward Bound wants qualified students to facilitate our six-week summer program. Each year, we bring local low income/first generation college bound high school students to campus for academic, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities. Tutor counselors work directly with our students to develop the academic and emotional skills necessary for success in high school and college, while working to fully reveal each student’s potential. [Apply here.](#)

**The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) Diversity Summer Research Training Program (DSRTP) 2018 Application Now Available!** The NIDDK through the Office of Minority Health Research Coordination (OMHRC) is now accepting applications for the Diversity Summer Research Training Program (DSRTP). The NIDDK DRSTP is particularly interested in increasing students from backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical research, including individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds and individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups. Program participants will conduct independent research in a NIH laboratory for 10 weeks starting in June in either Bethesda, Maryland or Phoenix, Arizona. [Read more here and apply by February 18, 2018.](#)

**Summer Research Opportunity | The Center for Inclusive Education REU: Nanotechnology Program** is pleased to offer a full-time research opportunity for sophomores and juniors (freshman considered), interested in eventually pursuing their doctoral degree in a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) discipline at Stony Brook University. We are seeking a diverse pool of applicants including underrepresented minority students. The program gives students an intensive research experience with leading researchers in the field, and participants will work with faculty mentor and become fully integrated into active research group using state-of-the-art facilities. Priority application due February 16, 2018. [Apply here.](#)

**Summer Opportunity! | Projects for Peace** is an initiative for all students to design grassroots projects for the summer of 2018, which promote peace and address the root cause of conflict among parties. [Read more here.](#) Project proposal deadline January 12, 2018.

**The Urban Semester/Summer Program** application is still open! For students who are looking to gain clinical and shadowing experience in New York City over the summer of 2018. If you are interested in applying [please contact PT.](#)

**The Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (RBSI) Program** application is now open! The RBSI Program is an annual, intensive five-week program held at Duke University. It is designed to introduce undergraduate students to the world of doctoral study in political science. Named in honor of the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize winner, former APSA President and the first African American to receive a PhD in political science, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, the RBSI encourages students from under-represented racial and ethnic groups, or those interested in broadening participation in political science and pursuing scholarship on issues affecting
underrepresented groups. Read more about the program here and apply here by January 19, 2018.

**Humanity in Action Fellowships** | Applications for the 2018 Humanity in Action Fellowship programs are now open! We invite applications from current sophomores, juniors, and seniors, as well as 2016 and 2017 graduates of U.S. colleges and universities, who are passionate about active citizenship, diversity, and human rights. Humanity in Action Fellowship programs in the United States and Europe. Learn more here. Applications due January 8, 2018.

**Newman Civic Fellowship** | In the spirit of Dr. Newman’s leadership, we are seeking nominations of undergraduate or graduate students who engage in collaborative action with others in order to create long-term social change, take action in addressing issues of inequality and political polarization, and demonstrate the motivation and potential for long-term civic engagement. Online nomination forms now available here and accepted until February 1, 2018.

**2018-2019 Public Health Fellow Applications now open!** | The Skorton Center for Health Initiatives at Cornell University is looking to hire a recent Cornell graduate (Bachelor’s degree from 2017/2018) who is interested in working as a Public Health Fellow for the 2018-2019 academic year. Read more here and apply here. Applications submitted by January 2, 2018 will be given preference.

**Carnegie Scholarship** | A 1-year paid internship in Washington, D.C. with the Endowment designed to provide a substantive work experience for students who have a serious career interest in the area of international affairs. For current seniors and those who have graduated in the past year. U.S citizenship is not necessary but must be eligible to work in the U.S. More information here. If interested, contact CLL4@cornell.edu. Application due December 1, 2017.

**Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX) Fellowship** | Applications for the 2018-2019 program year are now open! This year-long, fully-funded fellowship gives 75 American students and recent graduates, in all fields of study and at all levels of study, including graduate students, the opportunity to study and work in Germany. Prior German language knowledge is not required, though it is preferred. Read more and apply here. Applications due December 1, 2017.

**The Future Global Leaders Fellowship** | An internationally competitive program granting low-income freshman and those who are the first in their family to attend university entry into the Fortis Society—the world’s first elite private network based exclusively on merit. This program has gathered students from leading universities worldwide including Harvard, Stanford, Oxford, the Russian Presidential Academy, and three of our very own Cornell University student (Jeremiah Grant, Brandon Mok, and Dalton Price).

Benefits of the Future Global Leaders Fellowship include 1) mentorship from world renowned professionals, 2) three-week intensive leadership training by NOLS, 3) funding and support for an internship abroad, 4) customized career advice and tools, and 5) access to Fortis Society upon completion. All programming costs are covered by the Future Leaders
The Fortis Society Membership | The Fortis Society is the world’s first elite private network based exclusively on merit, with members from over 40 countries who have risen from challenging upbringings to excel at world renowned universities (including Harvard, Stanford, Oxford, and the Russian Presidential Academy). As you meet our stringent eligibility criteria, we invite you to peruse our Honor Pledge and Apply for Membership. You would join a tight-knit global network of like-minded professionals committed to helping each other. The Fortis Society creates the synergy to propel its members to the highest levels of success, with nothing to lose and everything to gain. There is no application fee, and induction to the Fortis Society and membership do not carry any financial obligation. Applications are open year round. For further information, please email info@fortissociety.org.

New York Academy of Sciences Membership | To support the professional and career development of members our community, Cornell University maintains an institutional membership with the New York Academy of Sciences, one of the oldest and most prestigious scientific organizations in the United States. Through our institutional membership, interested undergraduate and graduate students, postdocs, faculty and staff are eligible for a complimentary 1-year membership with NYAS. Those interested in securing a sponsored membership with NYAS must complete the Cornell specific membership form here. Academy members benefit from free/discounted access to:

- Cutting Edge STEM Content: publications, eBriefings, and webinars featuring the latest research presented at the New York Academy of Sciences
- Career Readiness Training: online courses, webinars and other career resources to help you acquire the skills needed to succeed in a STEM-related field
- Networking & Resume Building: opportunities to present your research, apply for Travel Fellowships, qualify for intensive leadership training, or request a mentor

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