

Department of Biology Newsletter

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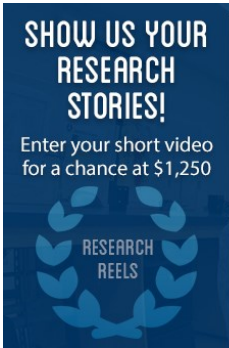
Tell UVic Your Research Story

Research Reels Video Showcase

Make a short video capturing the amazing research and creative activity taking place at UVic!

- *Two divisions: Social Media (less than 1 minute), or Feature (1-3minutes)
- *Top prize of \$1,250 in the Feature division
- *\$4,000 total prize money
- *Deadline: February 5, 2018
- *Finalists' videos are screened in front of an audience during Ideafest , March 6, 2018
- *Smart phone videos encouraged
- *You are not limited by equipment or experience—everyone is welcome to contribute

For more information and video tips click [here](#).



Biology Honours Student, Yamila Franco

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Upcoming Seminars. Everyone Welcome! 2017-2018 Series

Biology

Dr. Rachel Germain
Biodiversity Research Centre, UBC

“Characteristics scales of biodiversity and their ecological drivers”

Friday, January 19, 2018
at 3:30 pm in MSB 150

Biology

Dr. Allan Carroll
Department of Forest and Conservation Science, UBC

“Synergies, feedback and tipping points: mountain pine beetle’s rapid range expansion threatens invasion of North America boreal pine forests”

Friday, January 26, 2018
at 3:30 pm in MSB 150

Biology

Dr. Paul Abram
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

“Activity levels and biological control: can we breed beneficial insects to spend less time doing nothing?”

Friday, February 2, 2018
at 3:30 pm in MSB 150

Biology

Dr. Kristina Hillesland
Division of Biology Sciences, U. Washington Bothell

“TBA”

Friday, March 9, 2018
at 3:30 pm in MSB 150

Calendar

Important Dates:

Friday, January 19

Wednesday, January 31

Friday, February 2

Tuesday, February 6

Monday, February 12

Last day for adding courses that begin in the second term

Last day for paying second term fees without penalty

Senate meets

Last day for 50% reduction of tuition fees for standard

courses. 100% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date.

For non-standard courses see: www.uvic.ca/course-registration/add-drop

Family Day



2018 Pacific Ecology and Evolution Conference (PEEC)

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PEEC is a conference run and organized by graduate students for early career scientists and is an amazing opportunity to get valuable feedback from peers. We invite students addressing ecological and evolutionary questions across a range of backgrounds and study systems to present their work in either a 12-minute presentation, a 3-minute condensed talk, or a poster. Presenting is not mandatory, hence attending is also encouraged! Our keynote speaker, [Dr. Chris Harley](#), and our two workshops by [Dr. David Schiffman](#) and [SciCats](#) will be focusing on science communication, a key asset in an increasingly connected world.



This 39th edition of PEEC will be happening February 23-25, 2018, in beautiful Bamfield, BC. The conference fees are \$215, down again from previous years thanks to our generous sponsors. These fees include attendance to the conference and workshops, return transportation from Port Alberni to Bamfield, housing and meals at Bamfield Marine Sciences Center (BMSC), AND a ticket to our Science-Superhero-themed dance party.

For all those who can stay longer in Bamfield and gain even more valuable skills, BMSC is offering a workshop on GIS techniques right after PEEC. More information can be found at <http://www.bamfieldmsc.com/education/workshop-detail/introduction-to-gis>.

Registration can be accessed via our website <https://peec2018.wordpress.com>. Unfortunately, we are constrained by facility capacity, so registration will work on a first-come-first-served basis.

For more information, feel free to contact us at peec2018@gmail.com.

Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre



Internship Opportunity

2018 North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission Internship Program

The Northern Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) invites citizens from its member countries (Canada, Japan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, and USA) to apply for the NPAFC Internship Program. One intern will be accepted upon approval of the Commission. The intern will work at the NPAFC Secretariat office in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

The intern will gain experience and knowledge in operations of the NPAFC and will have the opportunity to test his/her interest in international governmental organizations, fisheries management, salmon biology and ecology, and fisheries enforcement. The intern will work under the supervision of the Executive Director and /or his designates. In general, the intern will assist in a variety of tasks, including:

- plan, develop, and complete an individual project in enforcement, science, communication, fisheries management, or administration,
- prepare information for and provide support to special projects including the International Year of the Salmon (IYS),
- assist organizing and editing various NPAFC publications,
- coordinate international cooperative programs and assist Secretariat activities,
- assist with other work delegated by the Executive Director and/or his designates.

Internship period: Starts on or about September 1, 2018, for a period of up to a maximum of 6 months. The intern is expected to perform his/her tasks at the Secretariat office on a daily basis, Monday to Friday, 7.5 hours per day.

Qualifications: Applicants must be a citizen of an NPAFC member country, have a University degree, the ability to read, write, and speak English, the ability to use computers and the internet, and demonstrated personal initiative. Applicants must currently be a part of the government or academic sector, a recent graduate, or currently enrolled in school for an advanced degree.

Financial support: NPAFC will provide a stipend of \$2,500 CDN per month. Travel cost to and from the intern's place of residence and the location of the Secretariat office and cost of medical insurance will be at the intern's own expense or by home country support. Travel expenses associated with the intern's work in the Secretariat will be covered by the NPAFC.

Submit the following to the Secretariat by email by March 22, 2018:

- A cover letter describing the applicant's interest and qualifications
- Resume showing academic and/or work experience
- Three professional letters of reference
- Personal Data Page of passport as a citizenship proof

Email the complete application to secretariat@npafc.org by March 22, 2018.
The selected intern will be notified in early June of 2018.

For complete information go to: www.npafc.org
Contact the NPAFC Secretariat for questions at secretariat@npafc.org



Volunteer Opportunity

Rural eMentoring BC "ReMBC"

We are Recruiting Mentors! 2018

Health Sciences Students

Flexible Timing
2-3 hours a week

Great Volunteer Opportunity!

What is ReMBC
Rural eMentoring BC connects rural high school students to post secondary Health Sciences students across the province. Mentees and Mentors come together on our platform to explore high school and post secondary realities and unpack opportunities. As a Rural eMentoring BC Mentor you can spend a semester inspiring rural youth to pursue Health Sciences Careers.

For more information email at e.mentoring@ubc.ca or visit us at eMentoringBC.com

ReMBC REAP UBC

Rural eMentoring BC

Rural eMentoring BC would like you to consider joining them as a volunteer mentor. Rural eMentoring BC connects rural high school students to post-secondary students studying Health Sciences across the province. Mentors guide mentees through exploring school and career options and share the tools to navigate Health Sciences pathways.

Volunteering in Rural eMentoring BC program has many benefits. Youth and communities gain a knowledgeable member for a semester and you will get the chance to learn new skills and gain new understandings of the rural experience. Mentees commit 2-3 hours a week to work through flexible online curriculum activities and discuss topics like study habits and goal settings with their mentors. Last year there were many students who came consistently to the program in the hope that they would eventually be paired with a mentor.

YOU CAN BE THAT MENTOR!

You can read about this great opportunity offered by Rural eMentoring BC by visiting www.eMentoringBC.com. You can also email e.mentoring@ubc.ca for more information.

Biology Hall-iday Party

We had lots of fun at the Biology Hall-iday Party!



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