Research Forum Schedule-Fall 2015

Most sessions are from 5:00-6:00pm on Tuesdays and located in 1425 BPS

September 8
Individual Development Plans
Prof. James Galligan
This session will include an overview for students to better understand the new NIH requirement, and how it will be implemented by the neuroscience program
All students must attend
*This session will be from 5:30-6:30pm

September 15
Grant Writing Workshop 1: Introduction to Pre-Doctoral NIH-NRSA/NSF-GRP Applications
Prof. Marc Breedlove & Tony Nuñez
The session will include overviews of the two major pre-doctoral grants and of the Grant Writing Workshop. A short lecture on writing the “Specific Aims” section will close the session.
Specific Objectives:
Year 1 – determine eligibility for grant and gauge desire to apply this cycle; choosing to continue as a ‘writer’ is optional.
Attendance required.
Year 2-3— choose the most appropriate grant for your current project; commit to being a ‘writer’ (required). Attendance required.
Years 4 – attend if you are writing a grant; otherwise you will be considered a reader and are not required to attend this session

September 22
No session, write your grants, and send them to readers by the time specified in the previous session

September 29
Grant Writing Workshop 2: Critiquing Specific Aims
Prof. Marc Breedlove & Tony Nuñez
Readers MUST provide electronic feedback to grant-writers by 12:00 am on the date specified by Dr. Breedlove. Readers will share their feedback with writers.
Any first-year student writers and all second- and third-year students must attend

October 6
Choosing an Advisor
Panel of Second and Third year Neuroscience Students
A discussion will be held on pertinent factors in choosing an advisor for your graduate career, including stories regarding pitfalls that current students have encountered.
First-years must attend

October 13
Grant Writing Workshop 3: Critiquing Significance & Research Strategy
Prof. Marc Breedlove & Tony Nuñez
Readers MUST provide electronic feedback to grant-writers by 12:00 am on the date specified
Any first-year student writers and all second- and third-year students must attend

October 20
SFN-No Session

October 27
No session, write your grants, and send them to readers by the time specified in the previous session

November 3 Grant Writing Workshop 4 critiquing
**November 10**  
Neuroethics Discussion  
*Prof Laura Cabrera*  
The session will introduce students to ethical implications common to the field of neuroscience. Students will practice identifying ethical questions and holding discussions on ethics. All students must attend.

**November 17**  
Grant Writing Workshop 5: Mock Study Section  
*Prof Marc Breedlove & Tony Nuñez*  
An introduction to the format of a Study Section will open the session. A 'Mock' Study Section will convene to discuss the 'submitted' grant applications.  
Any first-year students participating as writers and all second- and third-year students must attend.

**December 1**  
Second year talks  
Format: 15 min talk followed by oral and written feedback from the group  
Talks are designed to mimic presentations given at conferences, so include an appropriate amount of data as time limits will be strictly enforced.