SFP Weekly Newsletter

For the Week of June 28 - July 4

Upcoming Events

**Most events require pre-registration to attend.**
**Most registrations close the day of event.**

See what's happening this week.

June 30, 3:00pm, Zoom Webinar, Whitney Workshop - Preparing for Fall Recruitment and Summer 2021

July 1, 12:00pm, Zoom Webinar, Wednesday Seminar - Asymmetric Information, Reputation, and Welfare in Online Credit Markets

July 1, 4:00pm PDT, Zoom Webinar, Wednesday Library - Now Where Did I Put That? An Introduction to Data Management

July 3, SFP Office will be closed in observance of the 4th of July Holiday.

Other events of interest

June 30, 12:00pm, Webex Webinar, JPL Virtual

Student Spotlight

Hannah Quirk
Hometown: New York
Program: SURF

Meaning or origin of name:
Hannah means flower in Japanese, and I am half-Japanese.

Tell us about your research:
I am working with my mentor at JPL to design the control system
Intern Talent Show
June 30, 1:00pm, YouTube, JPL Presents: Mars 2020 Series – From Columbia to Mars Spanish: De Colombia a Marte

Tips for Success

Before you ask for help, try to solve the problem yourself or at least come up with possible solutions. Look to the scientific literature for help. Then, do not be afraid to ask questions if you still need help. Also, work to be a good listener. Taking advice from someone who has experience can be invaluable. Just be sure to understand the “hows” and “whys” of what they are sharing.

Fourth of July

July 3 is Caltech and JPL holidays. We hope you enjoy the days off! We hope you have a safe holiday, as well. Please know that fireworks of any kind are illegal in Pasadena and on the Caltech campus. Pasadena Police take this very seriously.

The SFP Office will be closed July 3 and will reopen on Monday, July 6.

What are you looking forward to this summer?
I am looking forward to playing beach volleyball! It is my favorite sport. Beach volleyball season means getting to spend time with friends outside and exercise a lot - it's my favorite time of the year.

What is the first thing you will do once everything returns to "normal"?
The first thing I will do once things return to normal is also what I am most looking forward to this summer - beach volleyball. The first thing I will do is set up a volleyball net with my friends at the beach.

Submit your photo for your chance to be featured!
Please take a minute to complete an information sheet to tell us all about YOU!
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SQS6SPT

Submit your photo for the 2020 SFP class picture!
Just because we aren't on campus doesn't mean we can have a 2020 SFP class photo! Please submit your photo by July 10. Click here for details.
Post on Facebook a photo of you and your workspace. Be creative (and keep it appropriate!) Five lucky students will be selected to receive a $10 GrubHub gift card.

Resources

**SURF Writing Resources**

The Hixon Writing Center at Caltech is here to support you and your science communication goals! We have resources to help you navigate everything from writing your reports to applying to graduate school. Check them below out below! To learn more or sign up for events visit: [https://writing.sites.caltech.edu/surf](https://writing.sites.caltech.edu/surf)

- **The SURF Writing Workshops:** A wide variety of workshops designed to help the budding scientist understand and communicate effectively across different genres of STEM communication.
- **The STEM Writers Collaborative:** The Hixon Writing Center invites you to apply for The STEM Writers Collaborative, a weekly small-group discussion series that explores special topics in STEM writing. Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of how to effectively communicate complex scientific concepts to diverse audiences.
- **Statement of Purpose Personal Training Sessions:** Sign up for the Statement of Purpose (SOP) Personal Training Sessions, led by the Writing Specialists of Caltech's Hixon Writing Center. This program consists of both individualized support and access to resources to help assist you with writing your SOP.
- **Individual Writing Support for SURFers:** Need help communicating your ideas? Get individual support from Lilien Voong, our SURF STEM Writing Specialist. Lilien earned her PhD in Molecular Biology from Northwestern University and currently serves as a STEM Writing Specialist at the Hixon Writing Center. She has expertise in helping scientists communicate their research across multiple genres and audiences.