ORS Upcoming Events

ORS Poster Workshop – February 28, 2008

Wait, you mean now I have to talk about all of this research? Possibly to people who have never heard of Matlab? The March workshop will be conducted by Christina Bourgeois, Director of the ECE Undergraduate Professional Communication Program. The agenda includes learning how to put together and present your research poster. Also, come prepared to share your improved “elevator pitch” that succinctly describes your research this semester.

This workshop is mandatory for all ORS participants and dinner will be served.

What: ORS Poster Workshop
When: February 28, 2008 at 6pm
Where: Van Leer 218

RSVP with Adrianne (aprysock@ece.gatech.edu) by February 26th – let me know that you are or are not coming!

The Interactive session will cover:
- Poster layout and design
- Research poster components
- What to include on poster
- Common mistakes made on posters
- Participants will work in small groups led by 3rd year and alumni scholars.

Personality Traits – March

How well do you really know yourself? The other ORS students? Jill and Adrianne? An interactive workshop will be presented by Maureen Biggers from the College of Computing where we will discover the traits and characteristics that make us so unique!

ECE ORS End of Year Poster Competition and Dinner

We are in the process of planning our end of the year event to be held in late April. At this event ORS participants will participate in an ORS poster competition and enjoy dinner and networking with other ORS participants, ECE faculty and staff, and industry representatives.
Below are some opportunities for poster competitions and summer REU opportunities. ORS would like to encourage all interested students to apply and participate in any of the programs that appeal to you. These experiences are invaluable to you as a current student and will not only increase your marketability to companies and graduate schools when you finish here at Tech, but they will also help you determine the areas you may or may not be interested in pursuing. As an ORS participant, you stand out from other students and may have an advantage in getting accepted in many of these programs. Most of the REU programs are paid positions so they can be a good alternative to a summer internship. Please take note of the deadlines to ensure you submit your applications on time and don’t hesitate to ask Jill for any recommendations you may need for these and any other opportunities.

* Please note that it is mandatory for all groups to participate in the GT ECE Undergraduate Poster Fair. The submission deadline is March 24, 2008. It is also strongly suggested that you participate in the GT UROP Symposium.

* Remember to apply for the PURA Travel Award for supplemental travel funds. (http://www.undergradresearch.gatech.edu/funding.php)

ORS Announcements

Reminder: Adrianne’s office hours are Monday-Thursday from 10am-4pm.

Scholars: Timesheets are due every other Wednesday (see schedule on Newsletter). Turn them into Adrianne via hand delivery, mailbox, or sliding under office door.

Scholars will not receive their Spring semester stipend until their first timesheet has been turned in.

Scholars: All scholars will need to fill out a Student Employment Form for the Spring 2008 semester. See Adrianne.

Mentors: All receipts from your monthly lunch with your scholars should be turned into Adrianne. Tape them to a white sheet of paper with the name of the attendees. Turn them in via hand delivery so that the associated form can be filled out.
ORS would like to thank Elise Wilder for taking the time out of her busy schedule to come in and conduct a workshop to our group about working in industry and life after graduation. This was an informative, interactive, fun workshop that was enjoyed by all who attended.

Thank you note form Elise Wilder:

Thank you for the invitation and opportunity to facilitate the workshop for the ORS participants. I really enjoyed myself and it was great to be a part of the dialog during this session. Please tell all of the students that it was great to meet them and that I truly respect and appreciate them. It was awesome and encouraging to be in the presence of our future world changers.

In addition, thank you so much for the tulips. They are currently placed on our kitchen window box. Every time I look at them they remind me of your great group of scholars.

Have a great day!!!
Elise Wilder (Rockwell Collins, Inc.)

Interesting Note: ORS would like to congratulate Charles Goolsby on being selected for the National Society of Black Engineers Rockwell Collins, Inc. scholarship.

Program Sponsors

The Opportunity Scholars Program would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors. This year we are pleased to have the Intel Corporation returning as a major sponsor and we are excited to have additional research groups supported by our new sponsor, Rockwell Collins, Inc. We are also pleased to have additional support from Dr. Greg Durgan’s and Ron Harley’s National Science Foundation grant. Along with the support of our outside sponsors, we depend on the assistance of Georgia Tech ECE staff to keep the OSP running effectively.