Welcome to the September issue, and welcome back to the community of Biology! We trust that you are well-rested, settled in, and ready to pursue more adventures.

This month’s newsletter highlights some important program requirements. It is best to consider or adjust your program at this stage of the academic year to meet the needed requirements. Please feel free to contact us (Julie French or Ken Ko) for advice and help.

This issue also marks the start of this year’s career-building opportunities, such as fellowships and research awards. Check them out and ready your submissions for these lucrative endeavours!

Wondering about how many courses you can take from other Faculties and Schools towards your degree plan/program?
A maximum of 6.0 units from courses offered by other Faculties and Schools may be counted towards the Program and/or Plan requirements of any degree in the Faculty of Arts and Science, in addition to any such courses allowed as either Core or Option course requirements.

The courses listed in the document below are approved for students in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

https://www.queensu.ca/artsci/students-at-queens/academic-calendar#section-courses-of-instruction

Not sure if you have picked up the right courses for your degree plan?
It is important that you check your degree plan/program requirements before the end of the September add/drop date (Sept. 18th) to ensure you are on target. Please review your degree plan/program requirements using SOLUS. This is a great tool and will help keep you on track. September 18th is the last day to add fall and fall-winter classes.

Wondering who to speak to regarding work associated with the lab component of core courses?
Please feel free to drop by and say hi to your Program Associate(s). You will be working closely with her or him during the year. Your Lab Program Associates for this year are:

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Biological Foundations List Requirement – IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THROUGHOUT YOUR PROGRAM!

It is very important to keep this GPA requirement in mind throughout your program, starting with first year. To be admitted to 400 and 500 level Biology courses, you will need a minimum GPA of 2.0 in any previously taken courses from Biological Foundations list.

The Biological Foundations List is BIOL 102, 103, 200, 212, 201, 202, 205, 206, 300, 330, 334, 339, and 341 (BIOL 302, 303).

Summer Research Award Opportunity

NSERC Undergraduate Summer Research Awards (USRA): Canada’s Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) underwrites these prestigious awards to stimulate student interest in research and to help cultivate tomorrow’s scientists. USRAs involve independent research and are taken up in NSERC-funded laboratories. The awarding of USRAs is carried out internally through Queen’s Biology. The 2019-20 application forms and details will be announced later this term. General requirements follow.

The award is $4,500.00 plus a minimum supervisor top up of $3,340.00 plus required fringe benefits (vacation pay is included).

Terms:
• Students must work 16 consecutive weeks (35 hours per week).
• Student are not permitted to do thesis research while holding an award.
• Students are not permitted to take courses during working hours throughout the term of their award.

Eligibility:
• Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
• Must be registered in an honours degree program in BIOL at the time of application and must be in at least year 2 of study.
• Must have obtained at least a “B” (or B-) (65-79%) average in their previous years of study.
• If you are registered in health sciences (M.D., D.D.S., and B.Sc.N.) or have a higher degree in the natural sciences or engineering you are NOT eligible. Graduating BIOL students are eligible providing they have not started a program of graduate studies.

Fellowship Opportunity

OceanPath Fellowship is an exciting opportunity for 2-3 graduating students from Queen’s (one of only 4 universities in Canada eligible) to engage in an intensive 12-month leadership program designed to support them in implementing a community development project anywhere in the world. Successful candidates will receive up to $25,000 in funding and receive formal training in community change at the Coady International Institute.

Please visit www.OceanPathFellows.com for full details.

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Helpful Links

Information on Applying for a Course Prerequisite Waiver
Arts and Science Academic Deadlines
Arts and Science Calendar
Frequently Asked Questions

QUBS Quick Links
Website: https://qubs.ca
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/QUBioStation
Twitter: https://twitter.com/QUBS_Director
Flickr: http://www.flickr.com/photos/qubsoutreach
YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/user/QUBScam

Looking for a job? Quick Link
Looking for study and travel opportunities? Quick Link

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