Now Hiring Peer Advising Liaisons for Fall 2011

Undergraduate Academic Services for Psychology (UASP) is looking for friendly, enthusiastic, motivated, conscientious, and talented Psychology and Neuroscience majors to become part of the next cohort of Psychology and Neuroscience Peer Advising Liaisons. If you are a team player, passionate about Psychology/Neuroscience, like to help others, and would like to become more involved with the Psychology Department, then come to one of our meetings to learn more.

Described by some as “the best job on campus,” Peer Advising Liaisons (PALs) help run all of the activities at UASP. This includes helping to prepare Psychology and Neuroscience students for their advising appointments. As direct liaisons between the staff at UASP and the undergraduate population, PAL’s ideas and feedback influence the changes made in the undergraduate program. They are the muscle behind programs and events like FACT/FORUM, advising “Just Desserts,” and graduation. This is a real job, paying $7.50 per hour for the first year and $8.00 thereafter. Psychology and Neuroscience Peer Advising Liaisons gain office experience, get a chance to improve their service and people skills, learn some of the nuts and bolts of event coordination, and get experience working as members of a project.

PALs should have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA, six credits in Psychology or Neuroscience, and be able to work at least 5 hours a week, starting the week before the semester begins in Fall 2010.

UASP will be holding Informational Meetings in the Flipse 5th floor Student Lobby

Monday, February 7 at 3:35 p.m.
Tuesday, February 8 at 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 9 at 12:20 a.m.

Congratulations Honor Roll Student February is time to get your “Just Desserts”!

It’s time once again to pay tribute to our hard-working students who have earned a place on the Honor Roll! The Department of Psychology will provide “Just Desserts” to those students, Psychology and Neuroscience majors alike, on Thursday, February 17 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. All those who made the Dean’s List, the Provost’s, or the President’s Honor Rolls during Spring and/or Fall 2010 are invited to attend this lively event that will take place in the 5th floor lobby of the Flipse building.

Psychology and Neuroscience majors did very well last year with 140 named to the President’s Honor Roll (i.e., earned a 4.0 GPA), 316 making the Provost’s Honor Roll (earned a 3.75 GPA or higher), and 265 making the Dean’s List (earned a 3.5 GPA or higher). Of the entering students enrolled in FACT last semester, 37% of Psychology majors and 57% of Neuroscience majors made the Honor Roll. This will be the Department’s eighth annual “Just Desserts” celebration. All invitees can bring a friend or family member to share in the fun and festivities! As usual, in addition to lots of desserts, there will be fun games to play and prizes to win, with the grand prize, a combination color printer-scanner-copier.

Faculty and administrators will be on hand to give congratulations, cheer you on in the games, and compete for the food! Invitations will be mailed out in early February. If you don’t get one and think you should have been invited, please contact our office at 305-284-3303. Congratulations to all Honor Roll students! We look forward to celebrating with you on February 17! Didn’t make it this year? Work hard and we’ll see you next year!
Psychology Research Initiative Mentorship Experience (PRIME), our ten-week summer research program, is accepting applications for its 13th season. The PRIME program is designed for students who intend to apply to doctoral (Ph.D.) programs. Students in PRIME work for 20 hours a week in a Psychology research laboratory under the direction of a faculty member. PRIME students also attend weekly seminars where they discuss their research projects, issues regarding research ethics and protocol, post graduation planning, guidelines for poster presentations and several other topics. All students prepare a poster presentation to showcase their work at the end of the program. Family, friends, and faculty are invited to support these generally novice presenters and help PRIME participants prepare for participation in the University’s Research and Creativity Forum.

Students can participate in the PRIME program in one of three ways.

- **Full PRIME students** will have successfully completed both PSY 204 (Statistics) and PSY 316 (Experimental Psychology), and have a 2.75 GPA or higher. These students receive a $1,500 summer stipend as well as an additional $500 fall stipend upon completion of the program.
- **JUMP START** (Just for UM Psychology Students To Accelerate Research Training) is for students who have not yet completed PSY 316. JUMP START students must have a GPA of 2.75 or above and receive a $1,000 summer stipend and an additional $250 stipend upon completion of the program.
- **PRIME Associates** are funded through another source (e.g., Dean’s Women and Minority Scholarship, the Honors Summer Research Program, or Lois Pope Award), but work with the PRIME group in the weekly meetings and present a poster.

PRIME began as part of a nationwide effort to increase minority participation in the psycho-biomedical sciences. Including non-minority students has been of benefit to all. The PRIME program will run from May 17th to July 29th. If you are interested, stop by UASP in February to pick up an application. A completed application includes: the application form, a one-page statement of purpose, a letter of “intent to supervise” from a potential mentor, a letter of recommendation, a recent copy of your ACE, and a brief autobiographical summary. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. If you plan on taking classes or working while participating in PRIME, it is your responsibility to make accommodations for the weekly seminar and research hours with your mentor. The application deadline is March 25th. For more information call UASP at 305-284-3303.

Past PRIME Students’ Research 411

“My time spent doing research at the University of Miami has truly enhanced my knowledge about the scientific nature of Psychology. My participation in PSY367/368 was an enjoyable experience that has given me an understanding about the overall research process. Being a part of the PRIME program over the summer enabled me to design my own experiment and prepared me to write an Honors Thesis.”

“Jennifer LeMay,’11, Pre Medical Track

“My involvement in research at the undergraduate level helped guide my path toward my graduate studies. I was involved in three different labs during my years at the University of Miami, and each helped shape and form my interests. It was through the help of my research mentors and the other graduate students in the labs that I was able to successfully move on to the next level of study. I would not be in graduate school now were it not for the rich research experience I gained while an undergrad at UM.”

“Tracy Carter, ’10, Ph.D. Candidate at UNC Greensboro

“The undergraduate experimental psychology classes as well as the PRIME program prepared me well for conducting research. I would be lost and utterly confused in graduate school without such a solid research education.”

“Alec Zabaleta, ’09, Psy.D. Candidate at Carlos Albisu University

January 2011
# PSY 367/368 Research Projects in Psychology

To register for research as course credit, come by UASP to pick up the Permission to Register for 367/8 form. You must have the faculty member sign the form. To get more information about the requirements for each project, go to [www.psy.miami.edu/undergraduate](http://www.psy.miami.edu/undergraduate).

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Log on to [www.psy.miami.edu](http://www.psy.miami.edu) for more Undergraduate Research Opportunities!
Summer 2011 Research Opportunities

American Psychological Association Summer Science Fellowship

The Summer Science Fellowship is a 6-week program designed to immerse students in the science of psychology by exposing them to the excitement and promise of the best of psychological science and help prepare them for the rigors of graduate study in the field. This summer SSF will be partnering with the George Mason University Department of Psychology in the Washington, DC area from June 18 to July 30. Rising seniors with strong academic backgrounds and interest in research are encouraged to apply. APA will pay students a summer stipend, as well as cover all travel and living expenses. Applications are due February 11. For more information go to http://www.apa.org/science/resources/ssf/index.aspx.

University of Pennsylvania Undergraduate Summer Workshop

Each year, the cognitive science community at the University of Pennsylvania brings together the best and brightest undergraduate students from around the world to learn about the growing fields of cognitive science and cognitive neuroscience. Juniors and sophomores are given priority but all level undergraduates are welcome to apply. All fees are covered by the program and travel costs are reimbursed. You should apply if you have a strong interest or curiosity about cognitive science and/or cognitive neuroscience, and are currently an enrolled undergraduate at any university or college. Application deadline is March 1st. Please visit www.irrcsupenn.edu/summer2010/ or e-mail irrcconf@seasupenn.edu for more information.

NSF Summer Program in Applied Psychology at Clemson University

The program at Clemson University aims to provide students with the opportunity to conduct research in Human Factors, Health, and Industrial/Organization Psychology. Interns work closely with graduate students and faculty members on research projects that will promote skill development and experience for those interested in pursuing graduate school training in Psychology. Each week interns participate in a range of activities, such as research lab work, course meetings, research seminars, and informal presentations. At the end of the summer, interns prepare to present their summer projects to colleagues, professors, and invited guests at a mini-conference in Clemson. This 10-week program (May 30 - August 5) includes housing, 40 hours per week of paid work totaling $5,000. In addition, interns that present their summer work at a regional or national conference following the completion of the program may qualify for travel support. Applications are due March 1. Visit http://www.clemson.edu/psych/ugrad/ nsf-summer-reu/ for more information on the program and to see a list of research mentors. You may also contact Dr. Benjamin Stephens at bstephe@clemson.edu.

Summer Research Initiative Program at University of Maryland

The Summer Research Initiative Program at the University of Maryland is an 8-week program (May 30 – July 22) designed to increase the number of underrepresented minorities who pursue graduate degrees in the social, behavioral, and economic sciences. This year the initiative will bring 10-12 students to the Maryland campus to work side-by-side with a faculty mentor on a faculty-guided research project. Participants will also participate in a weekly seminar series and visit local research institutions in the Washington area. Students will be provided with travel compensation, meals, room and board and a $2,700 stipend. Applications are due February 15. Visit http://www.bsos.umd.edu/diversity/summer-research-initiative.aspx for more details.

Summer Medical and Dental Education Program for Freshmen and Sophomores

The American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) and American Dental Education Association (ADEA) are now accepting applications to the prestigious Summer Medical and Dental Education Program. Students spend six weeks, all expenses paid, in an intensive medical and/or dental school preparation program at one of twelve sites across the nation. Students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, underrepresented ethnic/racial minorities in medicine, underrepresented rural residents in medicine, and those with a “strong commitment to diversity in the workforce” are encouraged to apply. Applications are due March 1. Visit www.smdep.org for more information.

The Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) at Northwestern University

Sophomores and juniors majoring in most disciplines are provided with an opportunity for involvement in research. The program is eight weeks in length, from June 19 to August 12, and includes faculty supervised research, activities that prepare students for graduate school, and a research conference. Additional benefits include a $4000 stipend, access to $500 for research supplies, round-trip travel to Chicago, housing, and a campus meal subsidy. Applications are due March 1. Visit www.tqsnorthwestern.edu/studentlife/multiculturaloffice/research/srop/ for application details and for a list of faculty mentors.
Lois Pope Undergraduate Neuroscience Research Awards

A generous endowment made to the University of Miami by our Trustee, Lois Pope, allows undergraduate majors in Neuroscience to participate in summer neuroscience research projects at the University of Miami. Each student researcher chosen will be given a $2,500 stipend plus support for a “single” dormitory room in the summer. Awardees will be expected to spend at least 10 weeks in the summer doing full-time research and to make a Research Day poster presentation on their results during the following spring semester. Thus, awardees should have at least two more semesters in residence at the University before graduation. No other award or University support is allowed during the summer, but students may participate in the group PRIME program as PRIME Associates, or may be invited to attend special activities related to other summer research programs, such as the Dean’s Women and Minority Research Program and the Honors Research Program. To apply for the award, submit an application by March 23. Stop by Flipse 508 in February to pick up an application. Applications will be available in February.

Summer Institute for Training in Biostatistics

Biostatistics is a growing field that has become indispensable in advancing medicine and improving health. Yet nation-wide there is a critical shortage of biostatisticians with postgraduate-level training. The Summer Institute for Training in Biostatistics (SIBS), funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, is a 6-week program to stimulate undergraduate students’ interests in pursuing a graduate program in Biostatistics. It also exposes the students to exciting career opportunities in health-related fields. Tuition and fees, living, food, and traveling all paid for by the program. The deadline is March 14. Undergraduate students and recent graduates with a background and or interest in mathematics, sciences, or other quantitatively oriented fields of study are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, please visit http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/epb/sibs/index.htm. You may also contact Yiliang Zhu at (813) 974-6674 or Getachew Dagne at (813) 974-6680.

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News and Highlights

Mohammad Yousef NEUB ‘11
Congratulations to Mohammad Yousef who recently won first place in the North American Chess Open in Las Vegas Nevada. Way to go!!

Mia Esposito PSY/HIS ‘11
Congratulations to Mia Esposito who was recently admitted to Teach For America as an Elementary School Teacher in the Miami Dade Corps! Best wishes to Mia as she starts this exciting new chapter!

Adam Margol PSY ‘10
Psychology graduate Adam Margol recently completed an internship working with children with intellectual disabilities in Tel Aviv, Isreal. Currently, Adam plans to pursue his Ph.D. Best of luck to Adam and his future endeavors!

Study Abroad!

A Study abroad experience will enhance your education in ways you can’t imagine. Take advantage of this opportunity to see new countries, experience new cultures and learn in a different institution.

The study abroad advisors in Allen Hall are the best resource for more information about summer and semester opportunities to study abroad. Meet with the Study Abroad advisors or call (305)284-3434 to discuss your options. Be sure to check out the brand new Study Abroad website at www.miami.edu/studyabroad for updates.

For answers to specific questions on how you can fit study abroad into your graduation plan stop by UASP to speak with an advisor or contact Sean Kilpatrick at smkilpatrick@miami.edu or (305)284-3303.
Congratulations December Graduates!

School of Communication

Nela Ahmed
Lazara Ballester
Phillip Beck
Razvan Buricel
Christina Castro-Rivera
Wai-Man Chan
Caroline Chica
Taryn Fessler
Patricia Jaramillo
Priya Joshi
Laurie Jurash
Xavier Mackenzie
Ryan Mancinelli
Desiree Minville
Thomas Newman
Carmen Ortega
Michael Penn
Ashley Ramos

School of Business

Rodolfo Lewy
Monica Brahmbhatt
Michelle Winchell

School of Neuroscience

Neuroscience

Sarah Silverman
Christina Singh
Jaime Williams
Craig Winter

School of Education

Alicia Abalo
Tiffany Agam
Aileen Carroll

Cristelle Castillo
Jenna Galardi
Leonardo Marinas
Dallas Short
Lauren Weingarten

Mary Basham
Katie Neustadter

A Message from the President

By: Matthew Sacino

NEURO NOTES

The Undergraduate Neuroscience Society

Hello and welcome back for a great semester. I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday break. This semester TUNS has a number of exciting activities planned. Activities will include our monthly Neuro Talks featuring enticing lectures on breakthrough research being performed by notable UM Neuroscience faculty. In addition, we look forward to touring the Neuroscience facilities on the med campus in the spring, notably the Lois Pope LIFE Center.

This semester our key service activity will be helping out with the second annual Brain Fair during Brain Awareness Week on Saturday March 19th. We will be discussing volunteer positions during our first meeting in February. In addition, we hope to incorporate any ideas or service activities you would like to accomplish during Brain Awareness Week. As always, thanks to our faculty advisor, Dr. McCabe, and the Psychology Department, all memberships (including our TUNS shirts) are absolutely FREE! If you have any questions or want to be added to the list-serve please email tuns_um@yahoo.com

Check out the Lois Pope Summer Research Opportunity for Neuroscience majors on page 5!
Happy New Year everyone and welcome to a new semester at UM! The Psi Chi E-Board is at work to provide an event filled and satisfying semester for all Psychology and Neuroscience students. Our first meeting of the semester will be Wednesday, February 2 at 8pm. Please keep an eye out for emails with a location and more details!

Our feature event of the semester will be participating in the 2011 Walk Now for Autism on Sunday, February 27. Please come join us Monday, January 31 in the Flipse 5th floor elevator hallway for a fundraising bake sale; all proceeds will go to the Walk Now for Autism campaign. More information on the event and fundraising will be provided at the first meeting and through e-mails.

Once again, we would like to invite all psychology and neuroscience students to become associate members, if you are not already a full member of the honor society. Remember, a member can win a free Kaplan course by consistently attending meetings and additional events. If you would like more information on Psi Chi and becoming a full member, please check out our website (http://psichimiami.wordpress.com) or e-mail us at our new address at UmiamiPsiChi@gmail.com.

2011 Graduation Materials

Remember to order Psi Chi graduation materials! Graduation cords are $15.00. To order, e-mail Kendra Anderson at the e-mail below BEFORE April 1 to guarantee on-time arrival for graduation.

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Psychology News

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