



Announcements & Updates

Student Updates:

- ***Congratulations are in order***
 - Michael Molumby—recipient of a Spring 2017 Ballard-Seashore Dissertation Fellowship from the Graduate College!
 - Emily Tombs—recipient of a Spring 2017 Post-Comprehensive Research Award from the Graduate College!
 - Joseph Giacalone—recipient of a Spring 2017 Post-Comprehensive Research Award from the Graduate College!
- ***Student Seminar*** dates are as follows. Lunch will be provided. Read [abstracts](#).
 - December 12, 2016 (Monday) at 11:30am - 12:30pm, 3189 ML - Matthew Strub & Stephanie Haase
- ***Do you have a spring 2017 TA opportunity lined up?***

Make sure to inform the program office of which class it is for so we can track into our database so that you get credit for it—remember there is a program requirement for the number of TAs you need in order to graduate.....see the handbook for more info.
- ***Have contacts at any Biotech organizations in Iowa?***

The Genetics Financial Outreach Committee is soliciting funds for student-lead events (student seminar and social events committee), but would like to generate some more leads. Please send any names of contacts you have to [Zach Kockler](#) and he and the committee will follow up. Likewise, if you know of any business that would like to make a charitable donation to our Genetics Program (for use in student-lead events mentioned above) before the end of the year, please direct them to the Program Office!
- ***Updates from Graduate College***

StemProv - Communicating Science - In the STEMprov Institute participants will learn techniques to talk about science research to a variety of audiences and to feel more comfortable making presentations and answering questions through playing simple improv theatre games. Dress comfortably and come ready to “yes...and” your way to improved communication skills.

 - January 10, 2017 (Tuesday) at 9am-4pm in IMU, Michigan Room [Registration link](#)

Upcoming Photo Booth - Graduate students/postdocs can [sign up](#) to have a professional photo taken.

 - January 19, 2017 (Thursday) at 1pm-4pm in 423 Gilmore Hall

Online Identity Workshop - Rescheduled! Do you appear as a professional online? Want to take control of your online presence? This workshop provided by the Graduate College will cover the basics of maintaining an online presence and online networking with other professionals. Time will be given to set up accounts with guidance provided by staff from the Graduate College.

 - January 26, 2017 (Thursday) at 1pm-2pm in Adler Journalism and Mass Communication Building, w240 [Registration link](#)
- ***Genetics Winter Party***
 - December 19, 2016 (Monday) at 6pm-11pm at the Environment Education Center at the East Side Recycling Center, 2401 Scott Blvd S.E., Iowa City, IA