**Genetics Student Updates:**

- **Upcoming Thesis Dissertations:**
  
  Hung-Lin Chen: Title TBD
  - June 23, 2016 (Wednesday) at 1pm — Aud 3 BSB

- **Iowa Institute of Human Genetics Special 3-Day Course**
  
  **2016 Bioinformatics Short Course:** A three-day course held during the summer semester. The morning sessions are seminars by both invited speakers as well as on campus speakers who speak about bioinformatics research and techniques that are of interest to the broader campus community. Guest speakers include: Andrew McDavid from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Jeff Trimarchi from the Department of Genetics, Development and Cell Biology at Iowa State University, and Sean Mooney from the Department of Biomedical Informatics and Medical Education at the University of Washington. The afternoon sessions are hands-on tutorials intended to be either introductory or require minimal bioinformatics experience. This year's hands-on sessions will cover: Basic R-studio, Kallisto and Intermediate R. Attendees are welcome to attend either the morning sessions or afternoon session or both. The course fees for the afternoon sessions is $75 per day. Fees are waived for IIHG members and their labs. [Registration](#) is required and enrollment is limited. Registration and payment are due by June 3, 2016. [More information](#)

- **IMMU:6241 Writing a Scientific Proposal (1 s.h.) — Fall 2016 Course Description**
  
  The goal of this course is to teach the skills of scientific writing, using the highly relevant vehicle of scientific proposal preparation. This skill is crucial in many future scientific careers, not restricted to academic research. Students will practice skills of hypothesis and rationale formulation, experimental design, and the ability to present ideas clearly and convincingly in a concise format. During the course, each student will prepare a proposal that can subsequently be submitted to external funding agencies. Interested students should contact Dr. Bishop to register, if not in the Immunology Program

**Genetics Faculty Updates:**

- **Iowa Biosciences Academy (IBA) is offering an 8-week mentoring seminar** for faculty, graduate students, post-docs, or staff who mentor undergraduate student researchers. This professional development opportunity will be led by National Research Mentoring Network Master Facilitator, Lori Adams. Participants who complete 6 out of 8 sessions will be recognized by the National Institutes of Health funded National Research Mentoring Network. The goal of this seminar series is to discuss benefits and challenges of mentoring and strategies to address mentoring issues. Space is limited and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to lori-adams@uiowa.edu by Monday, May 30 to reserve your spot.
  - Sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 12:00 pm-1:15 pm in 106 BBE beginning June 7 and ending July 26

**Program Office Reminders:**

- **Training Grant Applications** - Application period is closed; notifications will occur by June 1

- **Individual development plans** - Were sent out April 20, please complete and return. [More information](#)

- **Photo Booth** UI Grad Success is inviting Graduate students to sign up to have a professional photo taken at no charge. Use for websites, publicity, and/or LinkedIn. [More information](#)
  - June 6, 2016 or July 11, 2016 at 12:15pm to 4:15pm in 423 GILH

- **Program Office “soft close”** - week of June 13-17
  
  The Neuroscience Program office will have a “soft close” the week of June 13-17, with both Megan and Linda out of the office. Please contact us at grad-neuroscience@uiowa.edu prior to June 10 with anything you may need during June 13-17. Paulette Villhauer and Josh Lobb will be available during the “soft close” for any immediate needs