



Whitman Today

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Whitties Receive Summer Research Internships at Fred Hutch and Mayo Clinic



Four Whitman students are gaining valuable paid research experience this summer as interns at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center ("Fred Hutch") in Seattle as well as through the Mayo Clinic, which has locations nationwide.

Sophia Bigio '22 and Emma Van Deursen '22 received [Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Summer Research](#) internships. The annual program, established in 2009, offers two Whitman students the opportunity to join the center's Summer Undergraduate Research Program for nine weeks of intensive lab research. A renowned research institute, the mission of Fred Hutch is to eliminate cancer and related diseases.

Jhanae Bingham '22 and Rebecca Johnston '22 received [Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships at Mayo Clinic](#). A partnership between Whitman and the Mayo Clinic, the 10-week program combines unique lab experience with career mentorship at the acclaimed medical center with a focus on integrated health care, education and research. Since 2019, Whitman has selected two students to receive research fellowships at Mayo Clinic labs across the country.

[Read more.](#)

Campus COVID-19 Update

As announced yesterday, Whitman is currently requiring anyone on campus to wear a face mask when indoors in group settings or public spaces. Individuals alone in a private office do not need to wear masks.

Any employee who has not provided proof of being vaccinated against COVID-19 must take a coronavirus test every week in order to receive a campus access badge valid for seven days. This week, 26 employees were tested and there were no positive tests.

Current campus vaccination statistics:
Employees: 87%
Students (classes of 2022, 2023 and 2024): 85%
Combined total: 86%

Remember that our Fall 2021 COVID-19 Protocols go into effect Sunday, August 1, requiring all employees and students to be vaccinated for campus access. Please complete the COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Form with your proof of vaccination if you have not done so already.

[COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Form](#)

Announcements

Last Call to Contribute to New Student Welcome Bags

If you or your department, club or organization want to provide something in the new student welcome bag, please deliver 530 of that item to Reid Campus Center Room 202 no later than August 1.

Help Welcome New Whitties on Move-In Day

We are looking for volunteers who can assist in welcoming the largest class ever to Whitman! New students will arrive for move-in on Wednesday, August 25. Faculty, staff and returning students are all invited to help. If you're interested, [please complete this form.](#)

Noteworthy

Cordner Publications on Hazardous Materials

Associate Professor of Sociology Alissa Cordner continues to draw attention to the environmental and human costs of PFAS, a class of persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic chemicals that are in the drinking water of an estimated 200 million U.S. residents. Recent publications utilizing her research include an [Environmental Health News article](#) advocating for more medical screening and lead authoring "[The True Cost of PFAS and the Benefits of Acting Now](#)" in Environmental Science & Technology.

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Upcoming Events

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

8:30–10 a.m.

Employee COVID-19 Testing

Any employee who has not submitted proof of COVID-19 vaccination must be tested in order to receive the weekly campus access badge. Testing will take place at Welty Student Health Center.

1:30 p.m.

[Student Employer Workshop](#)

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

10:30 a.m.

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