IMPORTANT DATES

- February 10: Last day to withdraw with a grade of "W" from Express-1 classes
- February 12: Last day to submit applications for student research with faculty (see below for more information)
- February 16: Last day for students to submit incomplete undergraduate coursework to faculty for any Fall 2020 session
- February 24: Last day of Express-I classes
- Study Days: no class Tues., March 2 and Thurs., March 4
- March 8 by 12:00 pm: Midterm Grades and Express-I final grades due

DARWIN WEEK

- Darwin Week is now! All presentations are on Zoom. Info is here: [https://ssm.cofc.edu/additional-programs/darwin-week/index.php](https://ssm.cofc.edu/additional-programs/darwin-week/index.php)

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RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES WITH FACULTY

- Applications for student summer research with faculty are due **FEBRUARY 12**.
  - These opportunities are for students wanting to apply for funding to do summer projects. Students and faculty coordinate together on the applications.
  - Successful student applicants would receive $4,000 for their time and effort during the summer. Faculty may also be provided summer compensation and funds for materials and travel to field sites needed to perform the project.
• (1a) SSM application for faculty advisor (1b) SSM application for student researcher (2) SURF application info

• SPECIAL NOTE: our alumni-funded Geology Endowment is now available! One Geology major may be eligible to receive the Geology Alumni Endowed Award (GAEA) to support their summer project: at least $4,600 and additional funds to support the work! Apply through SSM and SURF as described above.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
• S.C. Sea Grant Consortium
  • The Consortium's FY 22-24 Request for Proposals is live on their website. Concept letters are due March 5.

• South Carolina Conference on Innovations in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (SCCITL)
  • The committee from Coastal Carolina University is happy to place the call for proposals and host the 3rd biennial SCCITL conference. Faculty, graduate students, teaching staff, administrators, instructional designers, and librarians are invited to submit proposals and attend the virtual 2021 SCCITL Conference. Please visit the SCCITL website for information on proposal submission and track descriptions.

        Deadline to submit a proposal: March 12, 2021.
        Deadline for presenters to register: May 14, 2021.
        Conference: July 16, 2021

CHECK IT OUT
• Geology Club Meeting: Wednesday, February 10 at 4:00 pm in SSMB 215 or Zoom
  • Zoom Meeting ID: 962 2202 9653
  • Passcode: 471470

• Live Talk Tuesdays: Join Geology 395 (Oceanographic Mapping & Characterization) students on Tuesdays for free live talks with hydrography industry professionals. Contact Jennifer Kist (jkist116@gmail.com) for additional information.
  • February 16 at 4:00 pm - Rachel Bobich, GISP hydrographer and marine geologist for RMB GEO
    • Zoom Meeting ID: 890 1058 0472
    • Passcode: beams
• February 23 at 4:00 pm - Katrina Wyllie, Operations Team Lead of the National Bathymetric Source project for NOAA’s Office of Coast Survey Hydrographic Surveys Division
  - Zoom Meeting ID: 892 6539 6744
  - Passcode: beams

• **Photo of the Week**: submit an original photo of unknown geology to the Geology department's Instagram (@cofcgeology). Students and followers of the Instagram can comment what they think it is!

• Georgia's "One Hundred Miles" coastal conservation organization is hosting a multi-week series of virtual workshops featuring a slate of inspiring speakers and leaders. Environmental conservation is the focus of these workshops. The second of five workshops will be held **today, February 9 at 7:00 pm**, and the link can be found [here](#). These workshops will recur every Tuesday through March 2.

• The PASSHE (Pennsylvania State System of Higher Ed) is hosting a seminar series that will go on throughout the Spring 2021 semester with seminars every month. The seminar series covers various topics in earth and environmental sciences. The second of six seminars will be held on **February 11 at 12:00 pm** on Zoom. The link to the flyer on our job board can be found [here](#).

• **Picture a Scientist** Virtual Screening will be available to view **February 19 through February 21** at any time. This is a full-length documentary about women in science. There will also be an optional Zoom discussion about the movie on **February 25 at 7:00 pm**. Check out the attached flyer for more information.

• **Wondering what you can do on an individual level to combat climate change?** Something easy you can do is simply pledge that you will commit to doing your best to reduce your own carbon footprint, either through changing your behavior to be more environmentally conscious or through advocating for policy that supports climate mitigation and resilience. Take the [CofC Climate Pledge](#) to help demonstrate that CofC is committed to reducing our greenhouse gas emissions and building a more sustainable campus!

• Sea Education Association (SEA) is hosting their **SEA Semester program abroad for Fall 2021**. Because they can form an early bubble of students before hopping on one of their two ocean research vessels, they will be running their famous ocean cruises this Fall. They are affiliated with CofC, so the credits earned in the SEA Semester(s) will transfer directly and you do not have to pay any application fees. Check out their website [here](#).

• Are you looking for a way to volunteer and give back to the community but struggling with options due to the COVID pandemic? If so, check out the new organization forming: "**Cougar Community Connect: STEM Tutoring.**" The organization will aim to connect STEM majors with local high school students to provide tutoring and mentorship (all done virtually) related to STEM subjects. Please fill out the form [here](#) if you are interested and want to learn more.
SCHOLARSHIP, INTERNSHIP, GRADUATE SCHOOL, AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES
New postings have been added Job & Opportunity Board! Here you'll find info on workshops, internships, grants and scholarships, Masters and PhD opportunities, Fellowships, entry-level and mid-upper-level positions, webinars, and career development opportunities. This is updated often, so be sure to save the link!

View our Careers & Studies Guide by clicking on the image below.

GEOLOGY OFFICE HOURS
Staff are available for in-person assistance during the following hours:

Kristen White, Office Manager
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Duncan Williamson, Graduate Assistant
- Monday from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Thursday from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Dr. Tim Callahan, Department Chair, and Ms. Kristen White continue to be available virtually in addition to the in-person assistance hours. To request an appointment with Dr. Callahan, please email callahant@cofc.edu and whitekl@cofc.edu